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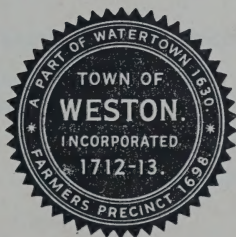
WESTON TOWN REPORT



Tree House

TOWN RECORDS 1955
AND
REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
WESTON
MASSACHUSETTS

For The Year Ending December 31, 1955



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The Cover

The cover for this report was selected as the best of 57 designs submitted by students of the Weston High School art classes. The Selectmen are pleased to announce that it was drawn by Barbara Jane Rushforth, Class of 1956.

The designs submitted by Mary Molan, Class of 1959, and Jerry Benedict, Class of 1956, were judged worthy of Honorable Mention.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, 1955

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
FRANCIS G. GOODALE	1956
Selectmen	
WM. R. DEWEY, JR., Chairman	1958
CHARLES M. GANSON	1956
EDWARD M. DICKSON, Secretary	1957
Town Clerk	
EDWARD M. DICKSON	1956
Treasurer and Collector	
HELEN E. CUTTING	1956
Assessors	
MARSHALL DWINNELL, Chairman	1957
GERALD W. BLAKELEY, JR., Secretary	1956
RALPH M. HOWER	1958
School Committee	
THEODORE B. BAYLES, Chairman	1958
HENRY J. BURN	1957
MARY C. NICHOLS	1956
FRANCES V. MARSHALL	1956
JOHN G. BROOKS	1958
Board of Public Welfare	
HERBERT CROUCH, Chairman	1956
ELIZABETH B. JANEWAY	1958
HENRY M. MERRILL	1957
Water Commissioners	
CARL E. ANDERSON, Chairman	1956
HAROLD B. COLPITTS	1958
OSCAR A. SCHLAIKJER, Secretary	1957
Recreation Commission	
KARL ADAMS, JR., Chairman	1958
PARKER WILLIAMS	1956
HARRY C. CRAWFORD, JR.	1956
MIRIAM W. HUTCHINSON	1957
FRANK L. HITCHCOCK	1957
ALISON B. POWERS	1958

Planning Board

GLENN N. LEMPEREUR, Chairman	1957
JOHN A. PAINE, JR., Clerk	1958
JOHN DESMOND GLOVER	1959
E. OLSEN FIELD	1956
DOUGLAS MERCER	1960

Library Trustees

GRANT M. PALMER, JR., Chairman	1958
MILES HANSON, JR.	1957
MARJORY BLANEY	1956

Park Commissioners

BENJAMIN S. BLAKE, JR., Chairman	1957
DONALD WYMAN	1958
WALTER W. WELD	1956

Cemetery Commissioners

WALTER W. WELD, Chairman	1958
DONALD WYMAN	1957
BENJAMIN S. BLAKE, JR.	1956

Board of Health

DR. WILLIAM T. VAN HUYSEN, Chairman	1958
DR. CHARLES A. JANEWAY	1957
JOHN H. BISHOP, Secretary	1956

Measurers of Lumber

HAROLD A. OGILVIE	1956
CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1956
G. MURRAY BURKE	1956

Tree Warden

JOHN L. DUFFY	1956
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Commissioners of Trust Funds

HOMER F. WHITTEMORE, Chairman	1957
EDWARD B. HUBBARD	1958
MERTON E. WILLIAMS	1956

Trustees of the Merriam Fund

LOUISE D. BROTHIE	1957
GEORGE O. RUSSELL, JR.	1958
MARY R. BERRY	1956

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Town Counsel	
GRANT M. PALMER, JR.	1956
Executive Secretary	
J. WARD CARTER	1956
Town Accountant	
J. WARD CARTER	1957
Town Engineer	
CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1956
Superintendent of Streets	
STANLEY FABBRI	1956
Moth Superintendent	
JOHN L. DUFFY	1956
Chief of Police	
J. SUMNER VILES	1956
Police Officers (under Civil Service)	
Lawrence H. Cugini	Frank J. Woods
Harold L. Lingley	Frank O. Shaw
Robert C. Millen	John J. Cronin, Jr.
Robert P. Lazzari	Edward J. Barbetti
Permanent Reserve Police Officers (under Civil Service)	
Charles N. Place	Frederick J. Perkins
	Charles E. MacLeod
Constables and Dog Officers	
J. SUMNER VILES	1956
LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1956
ROBERT C. MILLEN	1956
ROBERT P. LAZZARI	1956
HAROLD L. LINGLEY	1956
FRANK J. WOODS	1956
FRANK O. SHAW	1956
JOHN J. CRONIN, JR.	1956
Constable	
MAURICE L. UPHAM	1956
Constable to Serve Civil Process	
LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1956
Dog Officer	
L. LEE SCHULMANN	1956

**Chief of Fire Department and Forest Warden
Inspector of Buildings and Inspector of Wires**

MAURICE L. UPHAM 1956

**Assistant Inspector of Buildings
and Assistant Inspector of Wires**

CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR. 1956

Registrars of Voters

FRANK J. CONNOLLY, Dem. 1956

JOHN J. CRONIN, Dem. 1957

EUGENE O. HANSON, Rep., Chairman 1958

THE TOWN CLERK, ex officio 1956

**Sealer of Weights and Measures
Pound Keeper and Keeper of Lockup**

J. SUMNER VILES 1956

Historical Committee

GERTRUDE FISKE, Chairman 1956

HENRY W. PATTERSON 1957

EMMA F. RIPLEY 1958

Director of Civil Defense

WILFRID N. DERBY

**Burial Agent
Veteran Graves Officer**

WINFRED A. MARTIN 1956

Board of Appeals

JOHN W. AYER, Chairman 1957

GUY GARLAND, Secretary 1956

HENRY WHEELER, III 1958

Associate Members:

WALTER H. TRUMBULL 1958

GEOFFREY SAWYER 1957

C. FREDERIC EDGARTON (Resigned) 1956

RAYMOND L. CLAPP (to fill vacancy) 1956

Director of Veterans' Services

G. MURRAY BURKE 1956

Veterans' Agent

EDWARD M. DICKSON 1956

Bulletin Committee

HARRY T. VAN HUYSEN, Chairman	1957
JOHN S. MYERS, Jr.	1955
HENRY W. PATTERSON	1957
ADELAIDE P. SUMNER	1955
WILLIAM T. WOLF	1956
FREDERIC S. MANN (Resigned)	1956

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR**Finance Committee**

EDWARD R. LANGENBACH, Chairman	1956
PAUL D. BARTLETT	1956
STANLEY G. FRENCH	1958
CHARLES G. SQUIBB	1956
ROBERT A. WARREN	1958
ROGER W. HARDY	1957
FREDERIC S. MANN	1957
J. KENNETH BENNETT	1958
LEONARD H. DOWSE	1957

Memorial Day Committee

EDWARD M. DICKSON	1956
CARLTON E. VANDERWARKER	1956
A. KENT HERRING	1956
JULIUS H. MUELLER	1956
MRS. JOHN F. CALLINAN	1956

Special School Building Committee

(Appointed under Article 18 of warrant for March 31, 1952

Annual Town Meeting)

HARRY S. FERRIES, Chairman	
MYLES L. MACE (Resigned)	
OLLEY V. ROBBINS	
FRANCES E. WYPLER	
JAMES E. TURNER	

**Committee to Investigate and Report on
Matter of Union Health Department**

(Appointed under Article 2 of warrant for March 19, 1951

Annual Town Meeting)

WILLIAM T. VAN HUYSEN, Chairman	
JOHN H. BISHOP	
ERLUND FIELD	
ARCHIBALD G. MONKS	
BARBARA S. RICE	

**Committee to Investigate and Report on
Matter of Town Forest**

(Appointed under Article 14 of warrant for March 23, 1953
Annual Town Meeting and Article 14 of warrant
for March 22, 1954 Annual Town Meeting)

DR. WILLIAM A. ELLISTON, Chairman
JOHN L. DUFFY
SYLVIA STOCKMAYER
ALBERT M. TABER
JOHN CHIPMAN GRAY
AIMO H. TEITTINEN
HARRISON S. RIPLEY

Weston War Memorial Educational Fund Committee
(Appointed under Article 13 of warrant for March 23, 1953
Annual Town Meeting)

RAYMOND W. COBURN	1958
ALICE TYLER FRASER	1957
HAROLD W. MARTIN	1956
JULIUS H. MUELLER	1960
ANTHONY BRAYTON	1959

Veterans' Housing Board

(Appointed under Article 16 of warrant for March 15, 1948)

ROBERT J. WILKES, Chairman
D. STEPHEN THRALL
RICHARD P. HOLLAND
LEONARD H. DOWSE (Resigned)

Weston-Rombas Affiliation Committee

To represent the Educational Institutions of Weston for a term
of one year, expiring June 14, 1956:

From the Weston High School Faculty: MARTIN MARTINIAN

From the Weston High School Student Body: DANIEL BUMP and
NANCY NICHOLS

From Regis College Student Body: MARGARET LAMOUREUX

From the Cambridge School Faculty: HILDEGARDE S. WASHBURN

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1956):

HENRY W. PATTERSON (Resigned)
MRS. FRANCIS G. SHEPARD (to fill vacancy)
MARY P. TRUMBULL
JOHN W. BOYD
JEAN T. WEAVER

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1957):

MRS. C. F. GIMBER

VICTOR HARNISH

PHILIP D. BASSETT (Resigned)

MRS. HARRY C. CRAWFORD (to fill vacancy)

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1958):

MRS. WEBB B. WHITE

MRS. WALTER H. STOCKMEYER

RALPH M. HOWER

Committee to Study Revision of Building By-Law

(Appointed under Article 19 of warrant for March 22, 1954
annual Town Meeting)

MAURICE L. UPHAM, Chairman

MARJORIE N. PIERCE

HECTOR J. OSMOND

WALTER H. FARRELL

DOUGLAS MERCER

Committee to Investigate the Matter of Fluoridation of the Town's Public Water Supply

(Appointed under Article 13 of warrant for March 22, 1954
annual Town Meeting)

DR. CHARLES A. JANEWAY, Chairman

DR. WILLIAM T. VAN HUYSEN

CARL E. ANDERSON

JAMES T. MOUNTZ

DR. L. C. CHRISTOPHER, Secretary

Committee to Arrange Observance of United Nations Day in 1955

(Appointed under resolution adopted at Annual Town Meeting
held March 21, 1955)

MRS. DAVID BLANEY

MRS. E. OLSEN FIELD

MRS. WAYNE D. WETZEL

REV. ROBERT W. HUSTON

REV. JOSEPH O'DONNELL

JULIUS H. MUELLER

A. KENT HERRING

CHARLES B. CUTTER

VICTOR C. HARNISH

MISS MILDRED MARBLE

MRS. LEWIS MUSTARD

MRS. J. PHILLIP LANE

MRS. STEPHEN TYNG

MRS. JOHN CALLINAN

MRS. JOHN MEYERS

EDWARD M. DICKSON

PHILIP D. BASSETT (Resigned)

GEORGE B. FOOTE

(to fill vacancy)

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Agent of the Board of Health

CURTIS M. HILLIARD 1956

Inspector of Slaughtering and Inspector of Animals

DR. PAUL R. GRANHOLM 1956

Inspector of Plumbing (under Civil Service)

HAROLD B. COLPITTS

Alternate Inspector of Plumbing (under Civil Service)

STEPHEN L. COLPITTS ..

Sanitary Inspector

ALFRED P. SPADA 1956

Agents to Issue Burial Permits

EDWARD M. DICKSON 1956

MURIEL R. VITTUM 1956

MARGARET E. BERRY 1956

WM. R. DEWEY, JR. 1956

J. WARD CARTER 1956

Commissioner, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project

DONALDSON R. McMULLIN

Senators in Congress

{ LEVERETT SALTONSTALL OF NEWTON
{ JOHN F. KENNEDY OF BOSTON

Representative in Congress

HAROLD D. DONOHUE OF WORCESTER

Councillor

ENDICOTT PEABODY OF CAMBRIDGE

State Senator

CHARLES W. OLSON OF ASHLAND

Representatives in General Court

{ J. ROBERT AYERS OF WESTON
{ WILLIAM E. HAYES OF WALTHAM

CALENDAR

SELECTMEN—Saturday mornings by appointment at the Town Hall, TWinbrook 3 - 7320.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—First and third Tuesday of each month, 8 P.M., at the Elementary School. Open to public if requested in advance, TWinbrook 3 - 6715.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS—Meetings by appointment.
Call Town Hall, TWinbrook 3 - 7320.

WATER COMMISSIONERS—Meetings by appointment. Call O. A. Schlaikjer, Secretary, TWinbrook 4 - 0463.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Meetings by appointment.
Dr. William T. Van Huysen, Chairman, TWinbrook 3 - 6380

VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD—Meetings by appointment.
G. Murray Burke, Director of Veteran's Services, TWinbrook 3 - 6381.

BOARD OF APPEALS	{	John W. Ayer, Chairman -	Wellesley 5 - 3226
		Guy Garland	TWInbrook 3 - 9190
		Henry Wheeler III	TWInbrook 3 - 3512

PLANNING BOARD	{	Glenn N. Lempereur, Chmn.,	TWInbrook 4-7796
		John A. Paine, Jr.	TWInbrook 4 - 4079
		E. Olsen Field	TWInbrook 4-1938
		Douglas Mercer	Wellesley 5 - 0021
		John Desmond Glover	TWInbrook 3 - 3356

WARRANT

for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1956

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To any Constable of the Town of Weston, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, 1956, at 12 o'clock noon, to act on Article 1 of this warrant; and to meet in said Town Hall on the same date at 8 o'clock p.m. then and there to act upon the remaining articles of this warrant.

The polls for the election of town officers will be opened at 12 o'clock noon and may be closed at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Article 1. To bring in their votes for the following town officers to be voted for on one ballot:

A moderator	For term of
A town clerk	One Year
One selectman	Three Years
One member of the board of public welfare	Three Years
One assessor	Three Years
Two members of the school committee	Three Years
A treasurer and collector	One Year
One library trustee	Three Years
One trustee of the Merriam Fund	Three Years
One park commissioner	Three Years
One cemetery commissioner	Three Years
One member of the board of health	Three Years
Three measurers of lumber	One Year
One commissioner of trust funds	Three Years
One water commissioner	Three Years
One member of the planning board	Five Years
A tree warden	One Year
Two members of the recreation commission	Three Years

Article 2. To hear and act upon reports of town officers and committees.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other town charges for the current year; and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town for the current year.

Article 4. To authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue and renew or refund a note or notes therefor.

Article 5. To transfer money from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund.

Article 6. To appropriate money from available funds for the purpose of deduction by the assessors in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

Article 7. To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the current year.

Article 8. To appropriate money from available funds in anticipation of state and county reimbursement for chapter 90 highway maintenance and construction.

Article 9. To appropriate money for purchase of a pumper for the fire department.

Article 10. To authorize the board of health to make in the name and behalf of this Town a contract between it and the Town of Wellesley and the Town of Needham respecting the furnishing of the services of a health officer by the Town of Wellesley to the other two Towns.

Article 11. To discharge the special committee established in 1951 to investigate the matter of a union health department and subsequently continued in office to investigate the matter of a regional health district.

Article 12. To discharge the special committee established in 1953 to investigate the matter of a town forest.

Article 13. To increase the number of members of the reserve police force.

Article 14. To accept a layout of Willard Road as a public town way made by and described in an order of the selectmen adopted March 10, 1956, on file in the office of the town clerk.

Article 15. To accept an alteration of the Boston Post Road made by and described in an order of the selectmen adopted March 10, 1956, on file in the office of the town clerk; and to appropriate money for construction, moving of walls and incidental work at the location of the alteration.

Article 16. To vote that the Town, in accordance with chapter 91 of the General Laws, as amended, assume liability for damages incurred in connection with work to be done by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works under that chapter for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of the stream running easterly from the junction of Route 20 and Wellesley Street; and to authorize the selectmen to make in the name and behalf of the Town an agreement for indemnifying the Commonwealth respecting such damages.

Article 17. To authorize the acquisition by purchase, eminent domain or gift, for a site for a standpipe or reservoir and other purposes of the Town's water system, of the fee or other interests in lands on the east side of Highland Street on Paine's Hill, so called; and to appropriate money for such acquisition.

Article 18. To take any action, including appropriation of money, respecting acquisition of lands for a public domain to be used as a town forest in the area generally outlined by the Weston-Lincoln boundary line and the Weston-Waltham boundary line, Lexington Street, North Avenue, and Conant Road.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the town bulletin board at the junction of South Avenue and Newton Street and Park Road, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands March 10, 1956.

WM. R. DEWEY, JR.

CHARLES M. GANSON

EDWARD M. DICKSON

Selectmen of the Town of Weston

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In 1955 the major factor behind the problems which have commanded the attention not only of the Selectmen but also of nearly all Town Departments, has been the continuing popularity of Weston as a residential town. The many positive steps taken to preserve Weston's rural atmosphere, overwhelmingly desired by our citizens, have made the Town even more attractive to the people of Metropolitan Boston. Many of the new homes will not carry their own weight as far as the cost of Town services is concerned and will place additional tax burden on existing property.

Weston's excellent school system, comparatively low tax rate, and reputation for being a well run town have further contributed to its popularity. We should add that this reputation is in no small measure due to the Weston plan of Executive Secretary and Selectmen which has been written up by several State-wide organizations and recently has been given recognition by action of the legislature making it possible for towns generally to establish the plan. We are most fortunate in having this position so ably filled by Mr. J. Ward Carter.

The building code committee presented a new building code at a special town meeting on December 12, 1955, to insure better control and construction of housing in Weston. After its approval by the town meeting, it was presented to the Attorney General for approval, as provided by law. We now have his approval on all but five relatively unimportant paragraphs, which he felt he could not approve on account of a technicality. An article will be inserted in the warrant for a special town meeting in the Spring to make changes in the paragraphs affected by the Attorney-General's action. We recommend that the building code committee be continued for at least another year to further study building procedures under the new code and make such recommendations as they believe will further strengthen the code.

Among the recommended appropriations in the 1956 budget, there are two items on which we wish to comment. The item of land takings under Highways — \$10,000 — has been recommended primarily for land takings on the north side of the Boston Post Road in the business district to eliminate the so-called "jog". While this will not eliminate the parking problem, it will tend to help it and should make for safer traffic conditions. The cost of doing the improvement work will appear in a separate article in the warrant. It is essential to do this work now, as developments on adjacent private property are contemplated which will make the change much more expensive at a later date.

The other item in the budget which we wish to call to your attention is an item of \$4,500 included under Recreation Commission. This item has been requested by the Recreation Commission for re-surfacing three tennis courts at the school with a hard surface to make them usable over a longer period of the year. The clay surface now in place has not proved satisfactory under the hard use which these courts receive. The final estimate has not been received to cover the cost of this work and the amount may have to be increased at the Town Meeting.

As for the budget as a whole, with a reduction in the distribution of State funds and substantial increase in school costs, it would appear, on an estimated assessed valuation of 21 million, that the tax rate will increase slightly over last year. Appropriations made under other articles in the warrant, as well as any appropriations made under articles in the warrant for the special town meeting to be called this Spring for an extension of school facilities, will further increase the tax rate.

The Selectmen have had extended correspondence and meetings with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. The interchange with Route 128 and Commonwealth Avenue has required a much larger area than was anticipated and has destroyed one of the most valuable and attractive parts of our Town. It is regrettable that so-called "progress" has laid waste such an extensive and choice area. We have been able to negotiate with the Authority for the relocation of Park Road so that it may continue to serve as a through route between South Avenue and Newton Lower Falls, which we believe will be much more satisfactory than the plans originally proposed by the Authority.

A new traffic code for the Town is in process of completion. Traffic codes, to have a legal standing, must be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. The Department requires that regulations be spelled out in great detail, with a map showing the locations of all speed, parking, stop, and weight control signs. The Department has made suggestions and indicated approval of the preliminary draft and we hope to have the code completed by the coming summer. We anticipate this will improve conditions in the business center of the Town.

The Planning Board was authorized by the Town at the last annual town meeting to employ a professional town planner to make a basic land-use survey of the Town. This has proved to be most enlightening. Mr. Allen Benjamin, who did the work, will continue the study, directing his attention specifically to anticipated growth as it effects the operating departments of the Town, such as schools and highways. On receipt of the report on highways, a program of

highway land taking should be started to insure the most economical layout of streets for the future. At present no general changes or widening of highways are contemplated other than those pending approval. From time to time, with the increased traffic, certain locations develop dangerous conditions and the Selectmen will continue to correct these as they arise.

An accomplishment of 1955, which the Town can look on with pride and satisfaction, is the acquisition of the town forest east of Highland Street and the beginning of a second town forest in the Jericho area.

The forest of approximately 147 acres east of Highland Street and south of the water reservoir on Sanderson Hill was purchased from the Trustees of the Charles J. Paine Estate. It is a beautiful piece of high land, well wooded with white birch, hemlock and other varieties of trees. The Selectmen will shortly appoint a **Town Forest Committee**, as provided under the Massachusetts statutes, to operate the forest and we are sure our citizens will derive much pleasure and recreation from its use.

Adjacent to this land, a parcel of approximately five acres on Highland Street, affording an unusual view to the west, has been donated to the town "IN MEMORY OF GENERAL AND MRS. CHARLES JACKSON PAINE AND THEIR SONS", by some of the living descendents of General Charles Jackson Paine — Mrs. Mary A. Winsor, Mrs. Georgina Paine Howland, Mrs. Charles Jackson Paine, Mrs. Frank Cabot Paine, Mrs. John Bryant Paine, Mr. John Bryant Paine, Jr., and Miss Charlotte Jackson Paine. Under the vote passed at the last annual town meeting the Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, have accepted this generous gift and have expressed the Town's appreciation for the donors' kindness in furthering the town forest project.

In the Jericho area, Miss Marion B. Farnsworth has graciously given the Town approximately 10 acres, which constitutes the beginning of a town forest in this area. The Selectmen have extended the appreciation and thanks of the Town for this generous gift. On account of the contemplated relocation of Concord Road, pending before the Middlesex County Commissioners, there has been a delay in the acquisition of an entrance to the forest in the Jericho area but it is expected the project can go forward in the late Spring.

Hon. James DeNormandie, Representative from the 10th Middlesex District in the Legislature, has introduced a bill to permit the Metropolitan District Commission to acquire land in Waltham, Weston and Lincoln for reservation purposes. A hearing was held at the Town Hall on February 16, 1956, at which Mr. DeNormandie

outlined the area concerned and the purpose of his bill. About 200 citizens attended this meeting and a substantial majority of them expressed their opposition to either a State or Metropolitan District Commission controlled reservation but indicated enthusiasm for the purchase of that part of the area lying within the bounds of Weston as a third town forest. This would involve the purchase of between 200 and 300 acres. Until it can be ascertained what the cost might be, the Selectmen do not feel they can recommend this purchase. The necessary figures may be available by the day of town meeting, so there will be inserted in the warrant an article to permit discussion of this project.

May we again express our thanks and appreciation for the full cooperation which we have received from all departments and employees.

Appropriations and Expenditures for 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and Appropriations Recommended for 1956

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recom- mendations for 1956 with Balances
General Government						
Selectmen						
Chairman's Salary	App.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Exp.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	—
2nd Member's Salary	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
Expenses	App.	300.00	300.00	300.00	275.00	275.00
	Exp.	219.21	225.30	254.93	122.53	—
Finance Committee	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	65.00	100.00
	Exp.	31.00	46.00	42.00	40.00	—
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary						
Salary	App.	7,065.00	7,812.50	8,000.00	8,750.00	9,750.00
	Exp.	7,062.50	7,812.50	8,000.00	8,750.00	—
Expenses	App.	425.00	360.00	315.00	340.00	365.00
	Exp.	418.18	218.80	287.94	337.04	—
Treasurer and Collector						
Salary	App.	4,400.00	4,650.00	4,900.00	5,000.00	5,300.00
	Exp.	4,400.00	4,650.00	4,900.00	5,000.00	—
Office Salaries	App.	2,550.00	2,712.00	2,800.00	2,925.00	3,150.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	50.00	—
	Exp.	2,542.50	2,662.45	2,785.78	2,946.32	—
Expenses	App.	2,000.00	2,466.00	1,980.00	2,016.00	2,050.00
	Transfers	—	875.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,698.76	3,109.65	1,703.48	1,972.56	—
Expenses 1948	App.	—	—	920.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	920.00	—	—
Assessors						
Chairman's Salary	App.	1,000.00	325.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	1,000.00	325.00	100.00	100.00	—
2nd Member's Salary	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
Office Salaries	App.	1,315.00	332.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,313.65	321.95	—	—	—
Expenses	App.	400.00	525.00	425.00	500.00	500.00
	Exp.	298.96	436.26	288.92	424.85	—
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Real Estate						
	App.	10,400.00	—	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	4,731.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	5,669.00	4,600.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Town Clerk						
Salary	App.	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	Exp.	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	—
Expenses	App.	250.00	250.00	235.00	250.00	1,765.00
	Transfers	—	—	500.00	334.83	—
	Exp.	228.90	153.51	719.69	584.83	—
Clerks of Committees						
	App.	8,250.00	11,168.00	11,690.00	12,150.00	15,500.00
	Transfers	568.00	—	—	260.00	—
	Exp.	8,521.20	10,955.98	11,672.15	12,409.02	—
Town Engineer						
Salary	App.	5,000.00	5,187.50	5,250.00	5,325.00	5,537.50
	Exp.	5,000.00	5,187.50	5,250.00	5,325.00	—
Expenses	App.	250.00	300.00	300.00	563.00	553.00
	Transfers	—	—	73.98	—	—
	Exp.	229.14	208.45	373.98	461.03	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recommendations for 1956 with Balances
General Government—Cont.						
Law	App.	5,112.50	2,875.00	2,900.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Transfers	775.96	1,310.45	—	—	—
	Exp.	5,819.91	4,182.12	2,745.94	2,986.23	—
Election and Registration	App.	2,250.00	948.00	1,320.00	938.00	2,232.00
	Exp.	2,103.96	658.50	1,315.63	755.43	—
Planning Board Expenses	App.	1,000.00	1,250.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Transfers	—	—	300.00	—	—
	Exp.	148.85	690.69	573.04	35.92	—
Long Range Plans and Studies	App.	—	—	—	5,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	2,000.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	2,854.10	—
Board of Appeals	App.	—	—	—	275.00	500.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	190.03	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	465.03	—
Town Hall	App.	5,411.00	6,211.00	6,612.00	6,660.00	6,840.00
	Exp.	3,619.16	6,125.30	6,612.00	6,125.03	—
Expenses	App.	5,690.00	5,970.00	6,025.00	6,340.00	6,420.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	11.40
	Exp.	5,542.91	5,782.71	6,022.71	6,244.31	—
Maintenance & Repairs†	App.	4,000.00	—	2,000.00	—	1,200.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,217.16	3,300.62	2,253.36	2,862.73	2,714.08
	Exp.	1,916.54	1,047.26	1,390.63	148.65	—
Equipment†	App.	1,775.00	670.00	1,100.00	500.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	6,200.00	388.01	391.19	542.50	788.30
	Exp.	7,586.99	666.82	948.69	254.20	—
Former Jones Property ..	App.	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,105.00	2,735.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	22.17
	Exp.	2,205.50	3,074.50	1,634.72	1,607.18	—
Jones Tavern— Capital Improvement†	Receipts	13,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	3,236.17	157.82	157.82	157.82
	Exp.	9,763.83	3,078.35	—	—	—
Committee to report on Standing Votes and By- laws† ..	Bal. Jan. 1	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Committee to Study Town Forest	App.	—	500.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	500.00	136.94	27.15
	Transfers	—	—	—	50.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	363.06	159.79	—
Committee to Study and Revise Building By-law or Code	App.	—	—	500.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	500.00	277.56
	Exp.	—	—	—	222.44	—
Committee to Study Fluoridation of Water Supply†	App.	—	—	—	500.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	500.00
Total General Govt.	App.	73,643.50	59,612.00	62,972.00	65,827.00	70,122.50
	Bal. Jan. 1	7,917.16	12,155.80	3,802.37	4,699.99	6,998.48
	Receipts	13,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Transfers	1,343.96	2,185.45	873.98	884.86	—
	Exp.	78,090.65	66,969.60	60,655.29	62,081.49	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recom- mendations for 1956 with Balances
Protection of Persons and Property						
Police Dept.						
Salaries	App.	34,400.00	35,807.00	36,092.00	38,249.00	40,305.25
	Exp.	32,445.23	33,013.15	34,492.63	35,314.45	—
Other Expenses	App.	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,475.00	5,050.00	5,150.00
	Exp.	3,960.64	3,547.74	3,495.65	4,115.55	—
Equipment and Ap- paratus†	App.	2,875.00	—	150.00	2,358.66	2,500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	2,799.00	5,674.00	2,886.34	641.34	524.16
	Exp.	—	2,787.66	2,395.00	2,475.84	—
Fire Dept.						
Salaries	App.	29,350.00	31,773.00	32,987.00	36,628.00	42,713.50
	Transfers	—	1,391.92	667.50	533.49	—
	Exp.	29,104.17	33,164.92	33,586.75	37,161.49	—
Other Expenses	App.	3,345.00	5,550.00	5,400.00	6,436.00	6,695.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	112.74
	Transfers	—	—	283.20	—	—
	Exp.	3,315.13	5,503.08	5,607.72	5,932.60	—
Equipment and Ap- paratus†	App.	5,558.00	2,000.00	1,522.00	4,520.00	1,680.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	973.27	1,548.82	1,578.06	269.58	2,988.69
	Transfers	—	3,100.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	4,982.45	5,070.76	2,830.48	1,800.89	—
Hydrant Service	App.	7,280.00	8,060.00	8,540.00	8,540.00	9,830.00
	Exp.	7,280.00	8,032.49	8,540.00	8,540.00	—
Civil Defense Expenses†..	App.	1,400.00	1,600.00	1,105.84	1,000.00	76.22
	Bal. Jan. 1	497.73	94.23	494.16	868.49	923.78
	Exp.	1,803.50	1,200.07	731.51	944.71	—
Sealer of Weights and and Measures	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	—	—	7.74	—	—
Moth Extermination	App.	3,500.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	2,850.00	3,750.00
	Exp.	3,470.19	3,723.00	3,746.75	2,849.30	—
Dutch Elm Disease Control	App.	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Exp.	985.80	1,245.20	1,490.30	1,497.90	—
Dutch Elm Disease Control—Private Prop.	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	3,500.00
	Receipts	—	—	—	3,500.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	—	—

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Protection of Persons and Property (Cont.)						
Tree Warden						
Compensation	App.	—	—	—	750.00	
	Exp.	—	—	—	750.00	—
Expenses	App	5,800.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	11,000.00	6,300.00
	Transfers	—	—	7,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	5,795.75	6,299.88	13,044.20	10,825.40	—
Tree Planting	App.	—	—	—	—	500.00
Town Forest—Acquisition.	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	13,347.15
	Receipts	—	—	—	25,000.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	11,652.85	—
Town Forest—Expenses...	App.	—	—	—	—	500.00
Building Inspector	App.	400.00	490.00	500.00	500.00	567.50
	Transfers	—	.02	—	6.50	—
	Exp.	381.25	490.02	455.00	506.50	—
Total Protection of Per- sons and Property	App.	98,933.00	100,605.00	102,346.84	119,406.66	122,092.47
	Bal. Jan. 1	4,270.00	7,317.05	4,958.56	1,779.41	21,396.52
	Receipts	—	—	—	28,500.00	—
	Transfers	—	4,491.94	7,950.70	539.99	—
	Exp.	93,524.11	104,077.97	110,423.73	124,367.48	—
Outlays to be Financed by Bond Issue						
Town Forest—Acquisition.	App.	—	—	—	40,000.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	40,000.00	—
Health and Sanitation						
Board of Health						
Chairman's Salary	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	—
Secretary's Salary	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
3rd Member's Salary	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	—
Expenses	App.	3,175.00	3,250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,450.00
	Exp.	2,476.17	2,919.56	2,688.34	2,648.29	—
Cooperating Boards of Health	App.	2,542.50	2,540.00	2,641.00	2,651.60	2,892.75
	Transfers	—	—	—	125.00	—
	Exp.	2,280.87	2,455.77	2,626.27	2,748.51	—
Inspection of Plumbing ..	App.	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Transfers	—	—	516.21	—	—
	Exp.	1,211.36	1,220.22	1,766.21	1,547.91	—
Mosquito Control						
East Middlesex Project ...	App.	5,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
	Exp.	5,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	—
Total for Health and Sanitation	App.	12,617.50	13,890.00	13,491.00	14,001.60	14,692.75
	Transfers	—	—	516.21	125.00	—
	Exp.	11,068.40	13,195.55	13,680.82	13,544.71	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recommendations for 1956 with Balances
Highways and Bridges						
Salaries	App.	40,880.00	42,235.00	43,500.00	47,050.00	51,495.00
	Transfers	—	—	3,750.00	—	—
	Exp.	38,358.63	39,863.29	46,668.22	43,092.57	—
Expenses	App.	28,975.00	29,280.00	28,000.00	29,000.00	31,030.00
	Transfers	—	—	973.64	—	—
	Exp.	28,964.81	28,956.62	28,973.64	28,997.46	—
Chap. 90, Maintenance	App.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Receipts	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	—
	Exp.	4,499.94	4,499.50	4,499.96	4,499.97	—
Chapter 90, Construction†	App.	—	500.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	2,741.14	13,395.12
	Receipts	—	1,500.00	6,000.00	12,000.00	—
	Exp.	—	1,999.19	5,258.86	5,346.02	—
Highway Equipment†....	App.	14,000.00	2,300.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	8,500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	43.50	1,084.28	1,037.85	851.46	853.38
	Receipts	—	—	14,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	12,959.22	2,346.43	15,186.39	4,998.08	—
Highway Land Takings† ..	App.	7,000.00	—	—	2,000.00	10,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	3,145.00	345.00	—	—	2,000.00
	Exp.	9,800.00	345.00	—	—	—
Drainage†	App.	—	—	10,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	8,007.56	7,146.02
	Exp.	—	—	1,992.44	861.54	—
Street Lighting	App.	13,000.00	13,000.00	12,600.00	12,800.00	12,900.00
	Bal. Jan.	—	—	—	—	1,062.37
	Exp.	12,095.73	12,483.06	11,952.08	11,621.79	—
Public Dump	App.	2,400.00	2,500.00	500.00	100.00	—
	Exp.	2,377.10	2,220.67	345.00	—	—
Purchase of Land for Garage†	Bal. Jan. 1	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
Municipal Garage — Construction†	Bal. Jan. 1	40,000.00	43,187.14	140.43	140.43	140.43
	Receipts	5,080.14	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,893.00	43,046.71	—	—	—
Total for Highways.....	App.	107,753.00	91,315.00	99,100.00	101,450.00	120,425.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	48,188.50	44,616.42	1,178.28	11,740.59	24,597.32
	Receipts	8,080.14	4,500.00	23,000.00	15,000.00	—
	Transfers	—	—	4,723.64	—	—
	Exp.	115,948.43	135,760.47	114,876.59	99,417.43	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recommendations for 1956 with Balances
Public Welfare						
Board of Public Welfare..						
Chairman's Salary	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ...	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ...	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
Administration						
Salaries	App.	1,453.00	1,900.00	1,875.00	1,350.00	1,850.00
	Transfers	50.57	—	—	120.62	—
	Exp.	1,503.57	1,873.60	1,875.00	1,470.62	—
Expenses	App.	600.00	550.00	600.00	700.00	600.00
	Exp.	376.03	452.46	563.00	521.54	—
General Relief	App.	4,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	3,467.93	—	—	—	—
Disability Assistance	App.	3,128.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	2,757.74	—	—	—	—
Old Age Assistance	App.	13,931.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	13,184.60	—	—	—	—
Aid to Dependent Children	App.	1,518.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,110.25	—	—	—	—
Aid Expense*	App.	—	26,200.00	22,750.00	28,231.80	31,500.00
	Transfers	—	—	831.33	—	—
	Exp.	—	18,415.41	23,437.33	27,288.78	—
Total for Public Welfare		App.	24,780.00	28,800.00	25,375.00	30,431.80
	Transfers		50.57	—	831.33	120.62
	Exp.		22,550.12	20,891.47	26,025.33	29,430.94
Soldiers' Benefits		App.	800.00	800.00	500.00	1,500.00
	Transfers		—	—	975.00	—
	Exp.		704.75	543.30	1,468.61	—

*The Board of Public Welfare has asked that effective in 1953 appropriations for the various categories of public assistance be lumped into a single appropriation known as Aid Expense. The following breakdown is given to show the estimated expenditures for each category in 1956:

General Relief	\$ 3,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,350.00
Old Age Assistance	24,550.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,600.00
Total	\$ 31,500.00

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recommendations for 1956 with Balances
Schools						
Salaries	App.	249,832.00	271,570.00	307,034.00	351,008.00	412,915.00
	Receipts	—	—	—	1,675.00	—
	Exp.	245,080.76	271,429.82	305,726.78	352,212.24	—
Inspection of School Children	App.	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
	Exp.	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	—
School Nurse	App.	2,190.00	2,310.00	2,455.00	2,550.00	2,522.00
	Exp.	2,139.96	2,267.36	2,418.19	2,512.12	—
Utilities and Fuel	App.	19,950.00	21,350.00	23,600.00	27,000.00	28,100.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	40.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	292.37	—
	Exp.	19,266.57	17,748.79	19,870.55	27,243.72	—
Maintenance, Repair, and Other Expenses....	App.	47,555.00	45,977.00	52,603.00	51,576.00	61,180.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	457.81
	Exp.	47,098.03	43,154.69	51,931.34	50,425.40	—
Transportation	App.	26,900.00	34,900.00	33,900.00	35,387.00	38,890.00
	Exp.	25,764.58	31,111.04	32,472.83	34,200.74	—
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	App.	1,150.00	825.00	750.00	665.00	850.00
	Exp.	1,045.43	522.69	695.29	652.15	—
Vocational Education	App.	800.00	800.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
	Exp.	247.46	373.75	288.82	365.79	—
Out of State Travel.....	App.	400.00	600.00	972.00	902.00	894.00
	Exp.	324.60	388.37	874.33	876.50	—
Association Membership Dues	App.	135.00	146.00	165.00	217.00	209.00
	Exp.	128.80	140.40	164.00	216.30	—
School Plant Study†	Bal. Jan. 1	399.08	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	399.08	—	—	—	—
School Buildings—Plans, Engineering and Expert Services†	Bal. Jan. 1	3,886.46	3,248.92	3,248.92	3,248.92	3,248.92
	Exp.	637.54	—	—	—	—
	App.	300.00	300.00	—	—	—
School Athletic Fund	Exp.	300.00	300.00	—	—	—
	App.	350,112.00	379,678.00	422,779.00	470,605.00	546,860.00
Total Schools	Bal. Jan. 1	4,285.54	3,248.92	3,248.92	3,248.92	3,746.73
	Receipts	—	—	—	1,675.00	—
	Transfers	—	—	—	292.37	—
	Exp.	343,332.81	368,336.91	415,342.13	469,604.96	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recom- mendations for 1956 with Balances
School Restoration Committee	Bal. Jan. 1	188.68	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	160.00	—	—	—	—
Elementary School Building Committee ..	App.	—	41,164.32	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	28,074.94	—	—	—
	Receipts	38,000.00	18,835.68	—	—	—
	Exp.	9,925.06	88,074.94	—	—	—
Acquisition of land — Wellesley Street	App.	—	—	—	50.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	50.00	—
Outlays to be Financed by Bond Issue—						
School Building Com- mittee (High School) ..	Bal. Jan. 1	18,835.68	18,835.68	—	—	—
	Bal. transferred by Vote of Town	—	18,835.68	—	—	—
School Buildings—Remo- deling, Reconstruction and Repairs	Bal. Jan. 1	58,931.66	2,120.54	371.71	31.71	31.71
	Exp.	56,811.12	1,748.83	340.00	—	—
Elementary School Building Committee ...	App.	—	1,030,000.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	958,185.31	183,830.47	15,329.30
	Transfers	—	—	3,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	71,814.69	777,354.84	168,501.17	—
Total from Loans	App.	—	1,030,000.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	77,767.34	20,956.22	958,557.02	183,862.18	15,361.01
	Transfers	—	—	3,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	56,811.12	92,399.20	777,694.84	168,501.17	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recommendations for 1956 with Balances
Libraries						
Salaries	App.	13,807.00	15,500.00	16,460.00	18,796.25	21,625.00
	Transfers	—	—	200.00	—	—
	Exp.	13,722.30	15,381.10	16,588.60	18,709.57	—
Other Expenses	App.	1,950.97	1,767.53	1,857.74	1,915.63	1,692.65
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	95.86
	Receipts	1,349.03	1,432.47	1,442.26	1,384.37	—
	Transfers	—	—	—	90.00	—
	Exp.	3,126.94	3,189.82	3,276.27	3,278.57	—
Books, Periodicals & Records	App.	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Exp.	2,970.16	3,499.53	3,489.49	3,498.15	—
Maintenance & Repair	App.	750.00	750.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	80.62
	Transfers	130.02	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	880.02	549.67	389.56	419.38	—
Equipment	App.	750.00	350.00	250.00	750.00	275.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	67.89
	Exp.	749.55	349.54	233.47	675.30	—
Out-of-State Travel	App.	125.00	—	—	125.00	—
	Exp.	68.06	—	—	90.15	—
Heating Plant†	Bal. Jan. 1	—	4,000.00	—	—	—
	Receipts	4,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	3,803.50	—	—	—
Total for Libraries	App.	20,382.97	21,867.53	22,567.74	25,586.88	27,592.65
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	4,000.00	—	—	244.37
	Receipts	5,349.03	1,432.47	1,442.26	1,384.37	—
	Transfers	130.02	—	200.00	90.00	—
	Exp.	21,517.03	26,773.16	23,977.39	26,671.12	—

Recreation						
Recreation Commission ..	App.	15,500.00	11,722.50	11,500.00	12,920.00	17,172.50
	Exp.	14,736.84	10,499.20	11,484.49	11,447.96	—
Recreation Commission Filtering Equipment	App.	—	—	—	6,000.00	500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	335.57
	Transfers	—	—	—	460.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	6,124.43	—
Park Department	App.	1,420.00	1,470.00	1,485.00	1,510.00	1,520.00
	Transfers	—	—	250.00	—	—
	Exp.	1,341.79	1,204.48	1,616.20	1,386.75	—
Total for Recreation	App.	16,920.00	13,192.50	12,985.00	20,430.00	19,192.50
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	335.57
	Transfers	—	—	250.00	460.00	—
	Exp.	16,078.63	11,703.68	13,100.69	18,959.14	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recom- mendations for 1956 with Balances
Unclassified						
Memorial Day	App.	300.00	300.00	325.00	325.00	325.00
	Exp.	296.45	300.00	266.78	301.67	—
Town Reports	App.	2,100.00	2,100.00	1,600.00	1,700.00	2,000.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	83.03	—
	Exp.	1,522.50	2,100.00	1,580.70	1,783.03	—
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	App.	3,100.00	2,005.00	7,725.00	4,500.00	2,295.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	208.75	—
	Exp.	2,905.37	1,807.95	6,667.84	4,708.75	—
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	App.	2,525.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	4,700.00	4,310.00
	Transfers	69.84	—	127.62	—	—
	Exp.	2,594.84	3,736.65	4,027.62	4,623.77	—
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	App.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,210.00	1,825.00	2,300.00
	Transfers	258.91	—	—	310.02	—
	Exp.	2,258.91	1,830.73	1,773.35	2,135.02	—
Insurance, All Other	App.	575.00	175.00	100.00	950.00	210.00
	Transfers	85.80	—	245.48	100.15	—
	Exp.	660.80	87.47	339.21	1,050.13	—
Insurance—Group Life ...	App.	—	—	600.00	700.00	700.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	343.60
	Receipts	—	—	—	403.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	400.14	759.40	—
Town Owned Houses	App.	400.00	400.00	600.00	500.00	600.00
	Exp.	170.31	165.50	373.87	156.77	—
Tax Possessions						
Maintenance†	Bal. Jan.1	376.02	376.02	376.02	376.02	376.02
Contributory Retirement Fund, Administrative ...	App.	10.00	5.00	5.00	—	5.00
	Exp.	10.00	—	—	—	—
Contributory Retirement Fund	App.	6,313.34	7,895.28	8,178.32	9,399.61	10,446.83
	Exp.	6,313.34	7,895.28	8,178.32	9,399.61	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recom- mendations for 1956 with Balances
Unclassified (Con't.)						
All Other	App.	1,000.00	1,100.00	500.00	800.00	1,000.00
	Transfers	—	—	981.43	—	—
	Exp.	602.49	969.77	1,481.43	733.90	—
Town Bulletin	App.	1,050.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	600.00
	Transfers	—	54.43	—	139.34	—
	Exp.	1,042.43	1,654.43	1,726.61	1,939.34	—
Veterans' Housing Board†	Bal. Jan 1	95.89	95.89	—	—	—
Purchase of land for Public Parking Space	Bal. Jan. 1	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
	Receipts	—	1,000.00	—	—	—
Historical Committee	App.	—	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	7.00	28.75	—	—
State Census 1955†	App.	—	—	500.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	500.00	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	370.03	—
Total Unclassified	App.	19,373.34	21,530.28	28,093.32	27,429.61	24,841.83
	Bal. Jan. 1	5,971.91	5,971.91	6,876.02	7,376.02	7,219.62
	Receipts	—	1,000.00	—	403.00	—
	Transfers	414.55	54.43	1,354.53	841.29	—
	Exp.	18,377.44	20,554.78	26,844.62	27,961.42	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recommendations for 1956 with Balances
Water Department						
(Except Bond Issues and Interest on Debt)						
Water Comm. Salaries						
Chairman	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ...	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ...	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
Salaries	App.	15,576.50	15,902.00	16,283.50	17,198.00	18,107.00
	Exp.	12,327.71	15,222.99	16,096.90	16,560.48	—
Expenses	App.	17,352.00	15,692.00	17,242.00	20,707.00	23,427.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	351.63
	Transfers	—	—	2,083.07	1,000.00	—
	Exp.	16,722.24	15,566.55	19,325.07	21,355.37	—
Paint Standpipe	App.	—	—	—	2,400.00	3,000.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	2,100.00	—
Equipment and Apparatus	App.	395.00	2,400.00	—	7,450.00	—
	Exp.	379.00	1,989.44	—	7,165.21	—
Nickerson Field						
Pumping Equipment† ..	App.	—	—	—	8,200.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	12,640.00
	Receipts	—	—	—	4,440.00	—
Water Supply, Plant and facilities—Study and Investigation†						
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	5,000.00	1,931.93	895.69	459.74
	Receipts	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	3,068.07	1,036.24	435.95	—
TOTAL WATER (Except Bond Issue and Interest on Debt)						
	App.	33,623.50	34,294.00	33,825.50	56,255.00	44,834.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	5,000.00	1,931.93	895.69	13,451.37
	Receipts	5,000.00	—	—	4,440.00	—
	Transfers	—	—	2,083.07	1,000.00	—
	Exp.	29,728.95	36,147.05	36,758.21	47,917.01	—
Outlays of Water Dept. Financed by Bond Issues and Post-War Rehabilitation Fund						
Blanket Extensions†	App.	—	65,000.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	18,804.23	2,850.16	43,820.65	48,755.77	75,550.64
	Receipts	18,203.49	46,000.00	75,000.00	81,733.04	—
	Exp.	34,157.56	70,029.51	70,064.88	54,938.17	—
New Well Construction†	App.	—	59,000.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	49,408.96	10,869.79	66.30
	Exp.	—	9,591.04	38,539.17	10,803.49	—
Water Mains— Loring Road and Summer Street						
	App.	—	43,000.00	21,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	43,000.00	15,733.04	—
	Exp.	—	—	48,266.96	—	—
	Bal. transferred by Vote of Town	—	—	—	15,733.04	—
Totals from Loans (and in 1946 from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund)						
	App.	—	167,000.00	21,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	18,804.23	2,850.16	136,229.61	75,358.60	75,616.94
	Receipts	18,203.49	46,000.00	75,000.00	81,733.04	—
	Exp.	34,157.56	79,620.55	156,871.01	81,474.70	—

Title of Accounts		1952	1953	1954	1955	Recom- mendations for 1956 with Balances
Cemeteries						
Salaries	App.	9,000.00	10,133.00	9,571.50	11,800.00	11,632.00
	Transfers	—	—	1,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	9,000.00	10,121.79	10,571.50	11,704.01	—
Expenses	App.	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,610.00	2,500.00	1,410.00
	Transfers	—	—	1,584.00	—	—
	Exp.	1,125.00	993.56	3,048.19	2,320.30	—
Equipment	App.	—	—	—	—	2,500.00
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Total Cemeteries	App.	10,125.00	11,258.00	11,181.50	14,300.00	15,542.00
	Transfers	—	—	2,584.00	—	—
	Exp.	10,125.00	11,115.35	13,619.69	14,024.31	—
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Interest on Refunds	App.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Exp.	1.59	—	—	—	—
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Reserve Fund						
Trans. from Overlay Reserve		7,349.37	9,000.00	29,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
	App.	1,650.63	—	—	—	—

Note 1. Accounts indicated by † are continuing appropriations, the balance of which shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year. In cases where a balance is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been encumbered for the payment of liabilities incurred in the preceding year.

Note 2. The word "Receipts" as used above indicates sources of funds for expenditure which are available and need not be raised by taxation, such as: Surplus and Dog Tax Refund.

The word "Transfers" as used above indicates amounts made available by the Finance Committee from the Reserve Fund for unforeseen and necessary expenditures.

RECAPITULATION

Title of Accounts	1952	1953	1954	1955	Recommendations for 1956 with Balances
Totals, except Bond Issues					
Approps. Recommended	—	—	—	—	1,041,805.70
Appropriations Voted at Annual and Special					
Town Meetings	770,726.44	818,016.63	835,226.90	946,103.55	—
Balances, Jan. 1	70,821.79	110,385.04	21,996.08	29,740.62	77,989.98
Receipts	76,778.54	34,768.15	53,442.26	63,402.37	—
Transfers	1,939.10	6,731.82	21,367.46	5,329.13	—
Total Available	920,265.87	969,901.64	932,032.70	1,044,575.67	—
Total Expenditures	771,132.97	904,144.23	855,647.18	935,498.62	—
Outlays Financed, or to be Financed, by Bond Issues					
Appropriations	—	1,197,000.00	21,000.00	40,000.00	—
Balance, Jan. 1	96,571.57	23,806.38	1,094,786.63	259,220.78	90,977.95
Receipts	18,203.49	46,000.00	75,000.00	81,733.04	—
Transfers	—	—	3,000.00	—	—
Total Available	114,775.06	1,266,806.38	1,193,786.63	380,953.82	—
Outlays	90,968.68	172,019.75	934,565.85	289,975.87	—

OTHER PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Maturing Debt.					
Water Bonds	27,000.00	9,000.00	84,000.00	20,000.00	19,000.00
School Bonds	72,000.00	72,000.00	142,000.00	142,000.00	142,000.00
Veterans Housing Bonds ..	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Forest Bonds	—	—	—	—	4,000.00
Total Maturing Debt..	104,000.00	86,000.00	231,000.00	167,000.00	170,000.00
Interest on Debt					
Water Debt	785.00	1,528.00	2,883.11	2,219.00	1,939.00
School Debt	16,002.50	25,953.00	35,133.50	32,214.00	29,294.50
Veterans Housing Debt ..	656.25	593.75	531.25	468.75	406.25
Town Forest Debt	—	—	—	—	800.00
Total Interest	17,443.75	28,074.75	38,547.86	34,901.75	32,439.75
State Charges:					
Metropolitan Reserva- tions	9,787.53	10,075.47	8,945.07	10,149.79	11,814.51
Boston Arena Authority*	—	1,041.95	—	208.39†	—
Metropolitan Water** ..	101.78	—	—	—	—
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths***	—	—	—	3,729.94	—
Auditing Municipal Accounts	94.99	1,183.78	1,164.26	.83	1,573.63
Total State Charges	9,984.30	12,301.20	10,109.33	14,088.95	13,388.14
County Charges:					
Middlesex County Tax	29,444.38	30,466.48	30,382.96	34,595.50	34,848.41
Middlesex County T.B. Hospital	5,822.64	6,822.00	7,434.89	7,131.50	8,093.13
Total County Charges	35,267.02	37,288.48	37,817.85	41,727.00	42,941.54
Total Other Payments	166,695.07	163,664.43	317,475.04	257,717.70	258,769.43

AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Total Expenditures and Other Payments (exclusive of out- lays financed by Bond Issues)	937,828.04	1,067,808.66	1,173,122.22	1,193,216.32	—
Total Outlays Financed by Bond Issues (and in 1946 by transfer from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund)	90,968.68	172,019.75	934,565.85	289,975.87	—
Totals	1,028,796.72	1,239,828.41	2,107,688.07	1,483,192.19	—

*Charge assessable to Weston under provisions of Chapter 669, Acts of 1953 providing for establishment of Boston Arena Authority.

**Charges assessable to Weston under provisions of Chapter 603, Acts of 1950 for use of excess water to reduce pollution of Charles River in dry season of year.

***Charges assessable to Weston under provisions of Chapter 148, Acts of 1954 for regional spray program of Department of Natural Resources for suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

†Charges assessable to Weston under provisions of Chapter 598, Acts of 1955 providing for completion of initial repair of the Boston Arena.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The budget for 1956, recommended to be appropriated under Article 3, is \$1,041,805.70, an increase of nearly 12% over last year's budget. In accordance with the established practice of many years, the budget requests of the various departments were discussed with the department heads in all cases where there were questions to be resolved. All reductions that could reasonably be made were effected as a result of these conferences plus a series of joint review conferences between the Selectmen and this Committee.

Every reasonable effort has been made, we believe, to present a budget that will provide necessary operations and services of the desired quality at as low a cost as is reasonably possible under existing and foreseeable circumstances.

Capital Expenses

We are listing below, in the order in which they appear in the budget, the various capital expenses which appear to merit comment.

General Government—Town Hall—\$625 for a new cyclorama (side and back curtain for stage) to replace the present one which has been gradually falling apart.

Protection—Police Dep't.—\$2,500 for a new car to replace a 1942 model that has reached the point of becoming dangerous to operate as a police car. The above figure is in addition to a carry-over balance of \$524.16 from last year.

Protection—Fire Dep't.—\$19,700 for a new 750 gallon per minute pumping engine to replace the 1931 Buffalo pumper that has been due for retirement for several years. It appears logical to make this purchase this year, and it is probably unsafe to postpone it further.

Highways—\$8,500 to provide for (a) replacement of the 1935 Mack truck which is "too slow" and may require excessive repair expenses at any time, or (b) replacement of the 1947 Cletrac sidewalk snow-plow, which is near the point of collapse, and the 1945 Ford truck, which should be replaced by one of larger capacity. Decision is to be reserved until spring, at which time the greatest need will be evident.

Recreation—\$4,500 to provide permanent, all-weather asphalt surfaces for the three public tennis courts in back of the elementary schools which have been in very poor condition for much of the season in recent years. The expense required to repair and properly maintain the existing clay courts would be excessive. Asphalt surfacing will reduce maintenance to a minimum, and will permit play over a much longer period and much more quickly after rain. In addition, the

court area will be available to the school as a play area and also to the public for ice skating in the winter.

Cemeteries—\$2,500 to replace a 1940 Chevrolet truck which has reached the point of no return.

Wages and Salaries

A general increase is proposed again this year in order to provide adequate compensation, to maintain the town's relative position with comparable and neighboring towns, and to meet competition in the labor market. Although the increase is not justified by cost of living indices, we cannot ignore the general trend.

The basic increase is six cents an hour (about 4%) for labor, and appropriate increases have been made in other wage and salary rates, including those of the department heads.

Provision has been made for the position of Working Foreman in the highway department, for an additional private in the fire department, an additional half-time laborer in the cemetery department and an additional clerk at the town hall who will also serve the building inspector.

Schools

This year's appropriation of \$546,860 represents an increase of \$77,000 or 16% over last year's expenditure. It also represents 52.5% of the total town budget.

General operating expenses, exclusive of salaries, are up approximately \$17,000. This is primarily due to an expected increase of about 7% in enrollment, increases in cost of supplies and services, and, to a slight degree, the operation of The Country School for a full year for the first time.

The greatest increase is in salaries, amounting to about \$60,000, or 17% over the amount spent last year. A little over half of the increase represents amounts voted last year, which are now for the first time applicable to a full year. To understand the full impact, we must realize that salary increases voted this year are for the last one-third of the year, and must be tripled to reflect a full year's operation. This will automatically add about \$50,000 more in 1957 before any further provision is made for increments, increases or additional teachers.

Seven new teachers are to be added, one of whom will be a remedial reading teacher for the High School. The others are necessitated by the increased school population.

A subject of prolonged discussion between the School Committee and this Committee was the proposed upward adjustment in the teachers' salary schedules. The competition for teachers has been growing steadily, and communities all around us are raising their rates as a result. In order to stay competitive the School Committee also had to revise its schedules. A majority of the Finance Committee

believes that on the evidence available at this time somewhat lower "attainable maxima" rates could reasonably be set, but the School Committee believes that both from the immediate and longer range point of view the ranges finally established are required in order to maintain a satisfactory competitive position. We recognize that it is the School Committee's primary responsibility to obtain and retain teachers with the required qualifications and to establish a salary policy that will permit them to do so.

Debt

The Town's bonded indebtedness amounted to \$1,651,000 at the beginning of the year, and will be reduced by \$170,000 during the year. Three years ago it amounted to \$2,069,000. Schools account for 86.9% of the total. It is likely that the proposed construction of an elementary school (or schools) will increase the total debt to a new high level.

Reserve Fund

As in 1955 \$12,000 is being transferred from Overlay Surplus to the Reserve Fund. This sum will be available for transfer by this Committee for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, upon application by any town department whose appropriation is insufficient to cover such expenditures. During the past year \$5,329.13 was transferred by this Committee from the Reserve Fund.

Conclusion

Following last year's town meeting, the Moderator reappointed Stanley G. French and Robert A. Warren, and appointed J. Kenneth Bennett to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Donald J. Hurley. Subsequently, upon the resignation of John G. Brooks because of his election to the School Committee, Leonard H. Dowse was elected to replace him. Both Mr. Hurley and Mr. Brooks had contributed their valuable services to this Committee for a number of years, and the Committee relied greatly upon their experience and judgment.

The Committee elected Edward R. Langenbach as Chairman.

SALARY COSTS AND SCHOOL MEMBERSHIPS

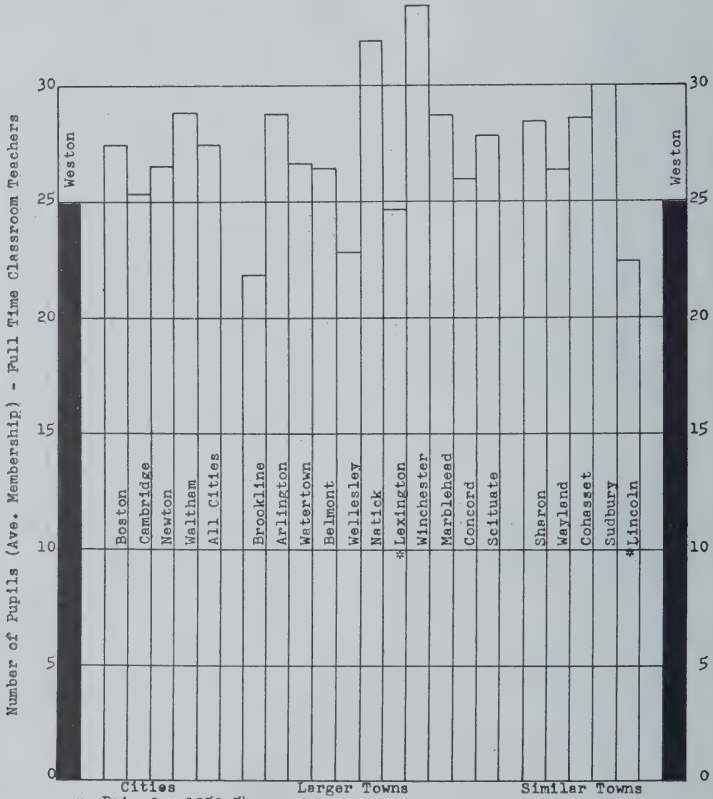
	1945	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Administrative Salaries								
Superintendent	\$ 4,420	\$ 7,291	\$ 9,406	\$ 7,812	\$ 8,375	\$ 9,250	\$ 9,875	\$ 10,000
H. S. Principal, Vice-Principal's differential, and Dean	1,267	5,450	5,850	6,392	7,811	9,312	13,395	13,696
Elementary School Principal and Supervisor	2,530	4,700	5,200	5,795	7,324	8,528	12,378	13,133
Secretarial	1,670	5,406	6,235	7,607	9,823	11,209	13,236	15,063
Total Administration	\$ 9,824	\$ 22,847	\$ 26,691	\$ 27,606	\$ 33,333	\$ 38,299	\$ 48,884	\$ 51,892
High School Teachers' Salaries								
Average Membership 7-12*	\$ 38,220	\$ 73,678	\$ 84,241	\$ 96,894	\$ 105,638	\$ 117,186	\$ 128,855	\$ 152,283
Number of Teachers	282	286	316	352	370	396	447	518**
Pupils per Teacher	16	21	21	23	23½	23¾	26¾	30½
Elementary Teachers' Salaries								
Average Membership K-6*	\$ 28,818	\$ 73,134	\$ 87,899	\$ 99,996	\$ 110,728	\$ 127,846	\$ 148,573	\$ 170,184
Number of Teachers	353	510	558	659	731	787	872	917**
Pupils per Teacher	16	21	25	26	29	33	36	37½
Janitors' Salaries								
Average Membership Total*	\$ 5,351	\$ 14,906	\$ 17,097	\$ 20,380	\$ 21,731	\$ 22,396	\$ 25,900	\$ 29,086
	635	796	874	1,011	1,101	1,183	1,319	1,435**
TOTAL SALARIES	\$ 82,213	\$ 184,565	\$ 215,928	\$ 244,876	\$ 271,430	\$ 305,727	\$ 352,212	\$ 403,445

Financial figures are for the calendar year 1945, etc.

*Average membership figures are for the school year 1944-45, etc.

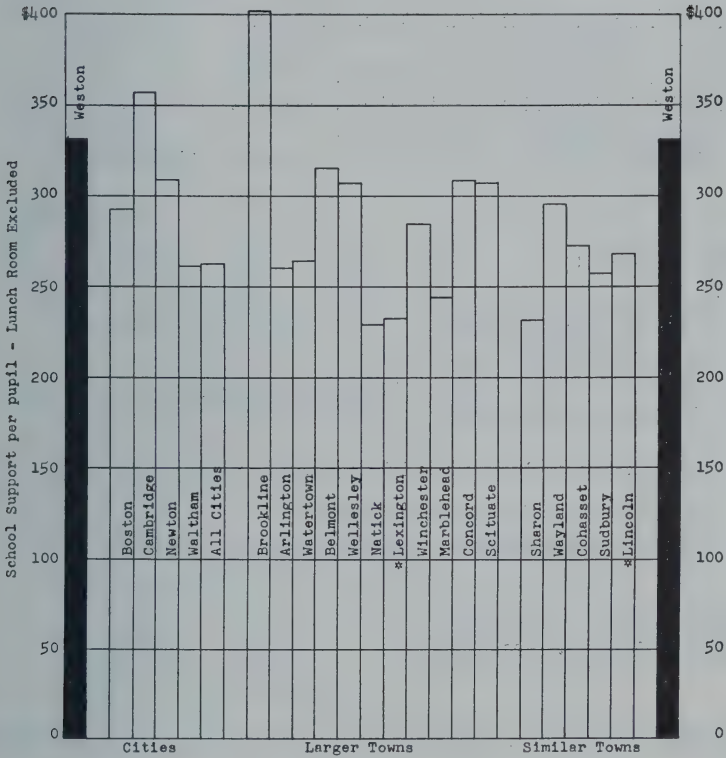
**Membership as of October 1, 1955

Pupil-Teacher Ratios School Year 1954-55



Source: Massachusetts Teachers Association N-6 - I, II, III, IV

Cost of Day Schools - School Year 1954-55



* Data for 1953-54

Source: Massachusetts Teachers Association N-6 - I, II, III, IV

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

Reconciliation of Cash as of December 31, 1955

A—B

Check book balances:

Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	100,000.00	
Day Trust Company	125,000.00	
Second Bank-State Street Trust Co.	100,000.00	
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.	84,447.41	
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.		
V.H.M. Acc't.	55,727.57	465,174.98
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Savings Banks:

East Cambridge Savings Bank	10,100.40	
Waltham Savings Bank	7,410.66	
Consolidated Trust Funds Income		
Salem Five Cents Savings	2,399.50	
East Cambridge Savings	1,938.88	4,338.38
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V.H.M. (Veterans' Housing Management)

Natick Five Cents Savings	5,319.88	
Marlborough Savings	4,203.62	9,523.50
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Cash on hand in Town Hall vault	70.00
Cash on hand in Treasurer's safe	20.00
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A. Cash balance Jan. 1, 1956 per Treasurer's account 496,637.92

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1955	583,588.37	
Cash receipts during 1955	1699,261.79	2,282,850.16
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Total disbursements		1,786,212.24
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B. Cash balance per General Ledger 496,637.92

Analysis of Receipts for year ending December 31, 1955.

Taxes:

Polls, Personal, Real Estate

Levy of 1954—Polls 8.00

Personal 572.00

Real Estate 12,631.51 13,211.51

Levy of 1955—Polls 3,668.00

Personal 49,972.20

Real Estate 760,639.95 814,280.15 827,491.66

Motor Vehicle Excises

Levy of 1954 4,389.83

Levy of 1955 115,360.79 119,750.62 947,242.28

In Lieu of Taxes:

City of Cambridge, Water Works 200.00

Met'r. Dist. Comm., Water Division

Ash Street Reservoir 993.05

Norumbega Reservoir 2,491.06 3,484.11

Roller House Lot, Golden Ball Road 23.59

3,707.70

Tax Title Cleared

31.90

State and County:

Comm. of Mass.

Income Tax 53,750.12

Corporation Tax 38,472.95

Meal Tax 619.92

Co-operative Ploughing 105.00

School Lunch Program 6,481.36

Chapter 90 re-imbusement

Construction 3,997.22

Maintenance 1,499.99 5,497.21

Veterans' Services 178.32

Dep't of Education for
transportation 26,931.90School Cons. Grant, Chap.
645 of 1948 26,949.40

Vocational Training 249.83

Hurricane relief 29,335.48 188,571.49

Amounts carried forward

188,571.49 950,981.88

Amounts carried forward	188,571.49	950,981.88
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Middlesex County

Dog licenses	1,384.37		
Chapter 90 re-imbusement			
Construction	1,998.61		
Maintenance	1,499.99	3,498.60	4,882.97
			193,454.46

Charities:

Old Age Assistance			
Comm. of Mass.	16,558.62		
Federal Grant	9,090.23	25,648.85	
Aid to Dependent Children			
Comm. of Mass.	1,475.95		
Federal Grant	1,946.35	3,422.30	
Disability Assistance			
Comm. of Mass.	576.01		
Federal Grant	858.43	1,434.44	
General Relief			
Comm. of Mass.		1,626.89	32,132.48

Water Department:

Rates	1954	235.45	
	1955	55,350.62	55,586.07
Misc.	1954	2,170.65	
	1955	84,087.67	86,258.32
Fines			63.75
			141,908.14

Licenses, Permits and Fees:

Board of Health			
Licenses	54.00		
Plumbing fees	404.00		
Septic tank and cesspool permits	161.00		
Olco registration	1.00	620.00	

Amounts brought forward	620.00	1,318,476.96
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Amounts brought forward		620.00	1,318,476.96
Town Clerk:			
Dog license fees	194.35		
Hunting and Fishing license fees	71.00		
Marriage intentions	94.00		
Recording fees	354.00	713.35	
Building Inspector:			
Building permits	619.00		
Wire permits	509.00	1,128.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures		24.75	
Selectmen:			
Pistol permits	34.50		
Taxi permits	4.00		
Licenses	45.00		
K. G. Dump permit	50.00	133.50	
Planning Board:			
Hearing fees		60.00	
Board of Appeals:			
Hearing fees		375.00	
Fines:			
District Court		20.00	3,074.60
Departments:			
Selectmen:			
Rental of Town Property:			
Jones House	904.50		
Town Hall	1,566.00		
Dwellings	1,620.00	4,090.50	
Use of addressograph	42.00		
Misc.	4.05		
Petty cash, Town Hall office	50.00	4,186.55	
Amounts carried forward		4,186.55	1,321,551.56

Amounts brought forward

4,186.55 1,321,551.56

Treasurer and Collector:

Tax costs	303.40	
Tax Title costs	34.13	
Tax certificates	480.00	
Postage re-imbursement by Board of Public Welfare	33.44	850.97

Town Clerk:

Certified copies of births, marriages, and deaths	83.50	
Identification cards	10.00	
Replacement of dog tags	4.90	
Blasting Bond	1.00	
Sale of Town Reports	12.00	
Sale of Poll Lists	69.00	
Sale of Valuation Lists	6.50	186.90

Tree Warden:

Services to Boston Edison Co.		750.00
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Town Engineer:

Sale of map		.75
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Fire:

Response to false alarm at Wayland High	100.00	
Boston & Maine R.R.	71.25	
Telephone tolls	2.30	173.55

Board of Health:

Dental collections	312.25	
Dog clinic	98.00	410.25

Police:

Sale of 1951 Mercury	213.28	
Insurance re-imbursement	622.07	835.35

Highway:

Sale of wood	30.00	
Sale of scrap metal	25.01	
Removal of car to dump	20.00	
Repair to stone wall	14.40	
Rental of bulldozer	103.00	
Insurance re-imbursement	8.20	200.61

Amounts carried forward

7,594.93 1,321,551.56

Amounts brought forward		7,594.93	1,321,551.56
Board of Public Welfare:			
Re-imbursement from Cities and Towns			
O.A.A.	170.90		
G.R.	66.04		
Petty cash	25.00	261.94	
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School:			
Tuition	18,942.14		
Lunchroom	19,598.61		
Athletic Fund	2,473.52		
Rent	405.00		
Telephone tolls	70.40		
Industrial Arts Projects	233.20		
Lost books, rebound books, and library fines	164.59		
Sale of discarded furniture	129.50		
Insurance re-imbursements	1,998.04		
Misc.	2.05		
Petty cash—Sup't's office	25.00	44,042.05	
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Library:			
Fines	1,341.31		
Books	121.29		
Postal Reserve Cards	53.65		
Misc.	15.50		
Petty cash	10.00	1,541.75	
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Recreation Commission:			
Receipts from Swimming Pool	1,950.25		
Receipts from Shop Crafts	163.72		
Receipts from Playground Crafts	41.09		
Receipts from Adult Shop	96.00	2,251.06	
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Cemetery:			
Sale of Lots	290.00		
Care of Lots	190.00		
Interments	1,230.00		
Grave Liners	380.00		
Foundations	197.00		
Rental of digger	72.00		
Misc.	5.50	2,364.50	
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Amounts carried forward		58,056.23	1,321,551.56

Amounts brought forward		58,056.23	1,321,551.56
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Planning Board:

Sale of maps	85.50		
Sale of Atlas-plates	21.00	106.50	

Veterans' Benefits		75.00	
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Town Reporter		2.20	58,239.93
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Interest:

Burial Grounds, Sale of Lots fund	204.60		
Burial Grounds, Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	11.89		
E. B. Field Recreation Fund	11.14		
Town Hall Fund	238.96		
Consolidated Trust Funds	6,890.33		
World War Trust Fund	152.98		
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	2.54		
Stabilization Fund	6.52		
General Cash	620.10		
Treasury Bills	137.50		
Deferred taxes and motor vehicle excises	464.81		
V.H.M.	292.07		
Tax Title account cleared	7.86		9,041.30

Agency:

Town Clerk:			
Dog licenses		2,244.40	

Town Treasurer:

Interest on Water Consumers Guarantee deposit	71.14		
Water Dep't: Contract Extension Funds	51,943.85		
Planning Board: Road Extension Funds	46,500.00		
Withholding taxes	70,998.23		
Retirement deductions	12,983.94		
Blue Cross and Blue Shield deductions	6,517.65		
Group Insurance	717.07	189,731.88	191,976.28

Amounts carried forward			1,580,809.07
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Amounts brought forward			1,580,809.07
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Trust:

Burial Grounds, Perpetual Care		1,800.00	
Consolidated Trust Funds:			
Weston War Memorial			
Educational Fund	669.92		
Matured Series G Bond	10,000.00		
Drafts from Savings Banks for			
purchase of 10M Reading Co.			
Equip. Tr.	10,000.00	20,669.92	22,469.92

Municipal Indebtedness:

Municipal Land Loan: "Town Forest"		
Day Trust Co. 2% at par		40,000.00

Capital Assets:

Sale of land corner By-Pass		
and Golden Ball Road	400.00	
Sale of roller-house lot on		
Golden Ball Road	1,750.00	2,150.00

Veterans' Housing Management:

Rentals	2,700.00	
Capital Assets:		
Sale of six veterans' houses	48,700.00	51,400.00

Refunds:

Collector, 1953 Bond	97.20	
Accrued interest—Town Forest Loan	26.67	
A.D.C.	103.60	
O.A.A.	251.99	
Bd. of Public Welfare	6.19	
Civil Defense	108.00	
Tree Warden	1.40	
School Dep't.	2.25	
Police Dep't.	27.19	
Selectmen—Town Hall	1.00	
Library	4.31	
Planning Board—Agency	1,400.00	
Group Life Insurance dividend	403.00	2,432.80

Total receipts		1,699,261.79
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Analysis of Expenditures for year ending December 31, 1955.

General Expense			
Treasury Warrants			1,785,512.47
Interest on deposits in Savings Banks added to principal as follows:			
Cemeteries:			
B.G.S.L.	204.60		
Alpheus Cutler			
Monument Fund	11.89	216.49	
Agency:			
Water Consumer's Guarantee Fund		71.14	
Investment:			
Town Hall Fund	238.96		
E. B. Field Recreation Fund	11.14	250.10	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		2.54	
Stabilization Fund		6.52	
Trust			
World War Trust Fund		152.98	699.77
Total disbursements			1,786,212.24

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Town Appropriations:

To be raised by taxation, G. L. Chap. 41

Sec. 15A.	\$946,067.55
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Total Appropriations approved to be taken
from available funds

(a) In 1955	\$135,117.41	
(b) In 1954 since 1954		
tax rate was fixed	14,000.00	149,117.41 \$1,095,184.96

Amount certified by Treasurer for

Tax Title foreclosure	36.00
Maturing Debt and Interest on Debt	202,027.05

State Assessments:

Metropolitan Parks	9,570.15
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	.83
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	4,211.61

Middlesex County Tax and Assessments:

County Tax	31,239.00
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment—	
1954 Estimate	8,093.13
Underestimates States Assessments 1954	16.60
Overlay	11,708.49

Gross Amount to be raised	\$1,362,087.82
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Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

State Income Tax	\$47,209.47	
Corporation Taxes	43,921.50	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	527.50	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	77,000.00	
Licenses	100.00	
Fines	170.00	
General Government	1,000.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	1,000.00	
Health and Sanitation	750.00	
Highways	100.00	
Charities (other than federal grants)	1,400.00	
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	11,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits	100.00	
Schools	38,000.00	
Libraries	1,200.00	
Recreation	2,000.00	
Water Department	125,000.00	
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	1,860.00	
Interest on taxes and deposits	1,400.00	
State Assistance for School Construction	26,949.40	
In lieu of Taxes	3,500.00	
Rental of Town Property	\$ 3,000.00	
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$387,187.87	
Overestimates of 1954 to be used as available funds		
(a) County Tax	\$ 1,146.56	
(b) Metropolitan Parks	151.58	1,298.14
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Amounts taken from available funds by vote of Town		149,117.41
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Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$537,603.42
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Net Amount to be raised by taxation		\$824,484.40

Local Tax Levy:

2,000 Polls at \$2.00 each	\$ 4,000.00
Personal Property \$1,260,830 at \$40.00	50,433.20
Real Estate \$19,251,280 at \$40.00	770,051.20

\$824,484.40

Assessed Value of Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$ 61,600.00
Machinery	113,350.00
Live Stock	34,280.00
All other Tangible Personal Property	1,051,600.00

\$1,260,830.00

Assessed Value of Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	\$ 3,803,560.00
Buildings exclusive of Land	15,447,720.00

\$19,251,280.00

Totals Assessed Valuation

\$20,512,110.00

Tax Rate \$40.00 per \$1000.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rate

\$53.37 per \$1000.

Persons Assessed on Real Estate only 1,649

Persons Assessed on Personal Estate only 42

Persons Assessed on Both Personal and Real Estate 68

Table of Aggregates

	Number Assessed
Acres of Land	8,860.21
Dwelling Houses	1,618
Horses	52
Cows	99
Bulls	2
Yearlings	7
Calves	38
Swine	441
Sheep	15
Fowl	2,982
Chinchilla	40
Ponies	5
Goat	1

EXEMPTED PROPERTY**Houses of Religious Worship and Parsonages**

First Baptist Church	\$ 41,000.00
The First Parish in Weston	107,000.00
Methodist Episcopal Church	13,500.00
St. Julia's Roman Catholic Church	32,000.00
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	42,500.00

Parks and Water Works

Metropolitan District Commission	\$181,000.00
Metropolitan Water Board	87,104.14
City of Cambridge	5,000.00

Literary (Educational Institutions)

Boston University	\$181,732.00
Cambridge School, Inc.	139,000.00
Harvard College, President and Fellows of	109,150.00
Meadowbrook School of Weston, Inc.	70,000.00
Newton Local Council of Girl Scouts	13,500.00
Sisters of St. Joseph (Regis College)	3,065,650.00
Weston College	1,350,000.00
Weston Scouts, Inc.	11,000.00

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

December 31, 1955

	Value of Land	Bldg. and Contents	Dept. Total
Town House and Common	\$10,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$140,000.00
Town Forest—152.16 Acres			
Highland St.	52,000.00		52,000.00
Town Forest—9.03 Acres			
Off Concord Rd.	2,700.00		2,700.00
School Department			
High School	20,000.00	800,000.00	
Case House		15,000.00	
Elementary School	15,000.00	250,000.00	
Grammar School		90,000.00	
Primary School		36,500.00	
The Country School (Elementary)		850,000.00	2,076,500.00
Cemeteries	30,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00
Library	2,500.00	85,000.00	87,500.00
Swimming Pool Locker Building		5,000.00	5,000.00

Fire Department			
Boston Post Road	1,500.00	40,000.00	
Kendal Green Station	500.00	4,000.00	
Equipment		35,000.00	81,000.00
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Highway Department			
Golden Ball Road and Post Road			
8.15 acres land—Highway Garage	5,000.00	40,000.00	
Highway Department (cont.)			
Storage shed and office K. G.		5,000.00	
Equipment		20,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
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Police Department Equipment		5,000.00	5,000.00
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Water Department			
(Fitzgerald) Well—			
40,618 sq. ft. land	1,000.00	20,000.00	
Warren Avenue Pumping Station	4,000.00	10,000.00	
Superintendent's house	500.00	5,000.00	
Kendal Green Pumping Station	5,000.00	7,500.00	
Nickerson Field Pumping Station	5,000.00	10,000.00	
Standpipes, Cat Rock			
and Doublet Hill	2,000.00	100,000.00	
Water Mains		350,000.00	520,000.00
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66-68 Warren Ave.	500.00	6,000.00	6,500.00
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Glen Road Property	4,000.00		4,000.00
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Three lots near K.G.R.R. Station	1,500.00		1,500.00
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Stanley House—Warren Avenue	500.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
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Case lot—			
Wellesley and School Sts.	2,000.00		2,000.00
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1.12 acres land from Jones Estate	1,000.00		1,000.00
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2.6 acres from Louis J. Kirsch Tr.	1,500.00		1,500.00
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TOTALS	\$167,000.00	\$2,927,000.00	\$3,094,700.00

TOWN-OWNED PARKS

Children's Park—55,670 sq. ft.
Soldier's Field—54,600 sq. ft.
Weston Park—19 acres ±
Town House Park—2 acres ±

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1955

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		496,637.92
In banks and on hand		
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1955		
Polls	10.00	
Personal Property	2,060.00	
Real Estate	10,500.45	12,570.45
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, Levy of 1955		995.46
Tax Possessions		3,347.55
Departmental:		
Town Property Rentals	171.00	
Public Welfare Department		
Aid to Dependent Children	293.70	
Veterans Benefits	132.00	
School Department	563.16	
Cemetery Department	13.00	1,172.86
Water		1,930.38
County Aid to Highways		675.00
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		20,691.70

Group Life Insurance Deductions —
to be deducted January, 1956

6.98

Underestimates of State and County Charges:

Metropolitan Parks — Loans, Interest, Maintenance

579.64

Boston Arena Authority

208.39

County Tax 1955

3,356.50

4,144.53

Improvement and Development of Cemetery Land from

Sale of Lots Fund

768.74

Total Assets

522,249.87

LIABILITIES

Agency:

Proceeds of Dog Licenses

48.60

Water Main Extensions — Subscribers' Deposits

13,851.70

Planning Board — Developers' Guarantee Deposits

24,300.30

Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions

94.85

Trust Fund Income:

Library Funds:

Group A

1,485.26

Group B

76.78

Group C

233.18

Group D

5.99

Group E

185.77

Group F

545.16

2,532.14

LIABILITIES (Continued)

Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	859.45	
H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds	3,316.97	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	160.81	
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	122.87	
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	21.13	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	4.08	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	10.68	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	94.03	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	6.96	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,302.91	
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	149.40	8,581.23
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Federal Grants :		
Old Age Assistance		
Assistance	174.54	
Aid to Dependent Children		
Aid	3.20	
Disability Assistance		
Assistance	33.06	210.80
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Veterans Benefits — Recovery		75.00
Veterans Housing:		
Management Maintenance	16,027.57	
Proceeds — Sale of Houses	48,700.00	64,727.57
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LIABILITIES (Continued)

Special School Lunch Account		2,547.33
School Athletic Fund		387.70
Sale of Real Estate		2,150.00
Improvement and Development of Cemetery Land Authorized from Sale of Lots Fund		768.74
Appropriation Balances Carried Forward to 1956		168,967.93
Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Overlay 1954	100.00	
Overlay 1955	7,298.69	7,398.69
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	995.46	
Tax Title and Tax Possession	3,347.55	
Departmental	1,172.86	
State and County Aid to Highways	675.00	
Water	1,930.38	8,121.25
Overestimates of State and County Charges:		
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	481.67	
County Tuberculosis Hospital	961.63	1,443.30
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus		12,747.62
Surplus (Excess and Deficiency)		219,727.56
		<u>522,249.87</u>

Revenue 1955

Revenue Raised:

Poll Taxes	4,012.00
Personal Property Taxes	52,433.20
Real Estate Taxes	772,672.60
	829,117.80

Estimated Receipts:

Amount used by assessors	
in fixing	
tax rate	387,187.87
Add: Amount in excess of	
assessors' estimate actually	
received	108,331.06
	495,518.93

Available Funds transferred

to Revenue 1955:	
Overestimates of State Assessments	
1954	151.58
Overestimates of County	
Assessments	
1954	1,146.56
	1,298.14

Appropriations unexpended and returned to treasury

December 31, 1955

Revenue Committed to Expenditure:

Appropriations	946,067.55
Maturing Debt	167,000.00

Statement of Changes in Surplus During 1955

Balance as of January 1, 1955 194,105.72

Add:

Unexpended balances of 1954 appropriations carried forward to meet specific obligations 102.48

Unexpended balance of 1955 appropriation for Chapter 90 Maintenance originally taken from surplus .02

Reimbursement from State and County for Chapter 90 Construction disbursements

1954	3,946.02
1955	2,049.81
	5,995.83

Reimbursement from State and County for Chapter 90 Maintenance disbursements 1955 2,999.98

Proceeds from disposition of tax title under provisions of Chapter 60, General Laws 60.35

9,158.66

Less:

19,113.72 1,345,048.59 Appropriations from Available Funds:

Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction	12,000.00
Water Department—	
Blanket Extensions	66,000.00

203,264.38

Interest on Debt	35,027.05	Town Forest—	
State Assessments	13,782.59	Acquisition of Land	25,000.00
County Assessments	39,348.73	Dutch Elm Disease Control—	
Overlay	11,708.49	Private Property	3,500.00
Tax Title foreclosure costs		Schools—Salaries	1,675.00
(Chapter 60, Section 50 B, General Laws)	36.00	Water Department—	
		Pumping Equipment, Nickerson Field	4,440.00
			115,615.00
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		Add:	87,649.38
		Revenue of 1955 transferred as of December 31, 1955	<hr/>
			132,078.18
Revenue transferred to surplus, December 31, 1955			<hr/>
		Balance as of December 31, 1955	219,727.56
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Statement of Trust and Investment Funds as of December 31, 1955

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash on deposit	140,389.19	Trust Funds:	
U.S. Government Bonds—		Consolidated:	
at par value	40,000.00	Library Funds	
Other Bonds—at par		Group A	32,012.21
value 44,218.75		Group B	3,866.56
Add: Unamortized		Group C	11,047.40
Premium 97.15	44,315.90	Group D	704.56
		Group E	8,770.38
Less: Unamortized		Group F	12,266.19
Discount	202.83		68,667.30
	44,113.07	Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	7,942.54
Other Bonds—at cost	9,627.95	H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds:	
Other Securities—at cost	7,175.01	Town Common Fund	11,392.99
		Teachers Home Fund	11,033.31
		Trees and Shrubs Fund	5,504.47
		Athletic Field Fund	5,504.47
		School Prize Fund	3,302.68
		Scholarship Fund	15,412.49
			52,150.41
		E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	503.36
		Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,005.86
		Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	201.18
		Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	201.39
		Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	501.79

Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	501.79	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	301.10	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	82,494.21	
Weston War Memorial		
Educational Fund	2,894.32	217,365.25
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H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund	8,598.90	
Edward B. Field Recreation Fund	413.80	
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	405.78	
World War Trust Fund	4,822.21	231,605.94
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Investment Funds:		
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	7,392.57	
Water Main Extensions Guarantee		
Deposits Fund	1,940.21	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	86.92	
Stablization Fund	279.58	9,699.28
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	241,305.22	241,305.22
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Statement of Changes in Principal Amount of Consolidated Trust Funds
January 1 to December 31, 1955

With the exception of the following accounts the amounts shown in the **Statement of Trust and Investment Funds as of December 31, 1955** (above) for the Consolidated Trust Funds are the same as those shown in the same statement for December 31, 1954.

	Principal Jan. 1, 1955	Additions to Principal	Principal Dec. 31, 1955
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	80,694.21	1,800.00	82,494.21
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	2,224.40	669.92	2,894.32

Note A. Accounts indicated by † are continuing appropriations, the balances of which shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year. In cases where the balance is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been obligated for the payment of liabilities incurred in 1955.

Statement of Departmental Expenditures for the Year January 1 to December 31, 1955

	Appropriations 1955 and Balances Jan. 1, 1955	Transfers from Reserve Fund	Expended during 1955	Balance Carried Forward To 1956	Transferred to Revenue 1955
I General Government					
Chairman's Salary	200.00		200.00		
2nd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00		
3rd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00		
Expenses	275.00		122.53		152.47
Finance Committee	65.00		40.00		25.00
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary					
Salary	8,750.00		8,750.00		
Expenses	340.00		337.04		2.96
Treasurer and Collector					
Salary	5,000.00		5,000.00		
Office Salaries	2,925.00	50.00	2,946.32		28.68
Expenses	2,016.00*		1,972.56		43.44
Assessors					
Chairman's Salary	100.00		100.00		
2nd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00		
3rd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00		
Expenses	500.00		424.85		75.15
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Real Estate	1,000.00		1,000.00		

Town Clerk					
Salary	150.00		150.00		
Expenses	250.00	334.83	584.83		
Clerks of Committees	12,150.00	260.00	12,409.02		.98
Town Engineer					
Salary	5,325.00		5,325.00		101.97
Expenses	563.00		461.03		
Law	3,000.00		2,986.23		13.77
Election and Registration	938.00		755.43		182.57
Planning Board					
Expenses	500.00		35.92		464.08
Long Range Plans and Studies	5,000.00		2,854.10	2,000.00	145.90
Board of Appeals	275.00	190.03	465.03		
Town Hall					
Salaries	6,660.00		6,125.03		534.97
Expenses	6,340.00		6,244.31	11.40	84.29
Maintenance and Repairs†	Bal. Jan. 1		148.65	2,714.08	
Equipment†			500.00		
	Bal. Jan. 1		542.50	788.30	
Former Jones Property					
Jones House—Capital Improvement†			2,105.00	1,607.18	475.65
Committee to Report on Standing Votes,	Bal. Jan. 1		157.82	157.82	
By-laws and Regulations†	Bal. Jan. 1		500.00	500.00	

Committee to Study Town Forest†	Bal. Jan. 1	136.94	50.00	159.79	27.15
Committee to Study and Revise Building By-Law†	Bal. Jan. 1	500.00		222.44	277.56
Committee to Study Fluoridation of Water Supply†		500.00			500.00

*Includes \$36.00 raised by Assessors upon certification of Treasurer and Collector for tax title foreclosure costs as provided by Chapter 60, Section 50B, General Laws.

II Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department					
Salaries		38,249.00		35,314.45	2,934.55
Expenses		5,050.00		4,115.55	934.45
Equipment and Apparatus†		2,358.66			
	Bal. Jan. 1	641.34		2,475.84	524.16
Fire Department					
Salaries		36,628.00	533.49	37,161.49	
Expenses		6,436.00		5,932.60	112.74
Equipment and Apparatus†		4,520.00			390.66
	Bal. Jan. 1	269.58		1,800.89	2,988.69
		8,540.00		8,540.00	
Hydrant Service		1,000.00			
Civil Defense†					
	Bal. Jan. 1	868.49		944.71	923.78
		25.00			25.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures					
Town Forest—Acquisition		65,000.00		51,652.85	13,347.15
Moth Extermination		2,850.00		2,849.30	.70
Dutch Elm Disease Control		1,500.00		1,497.90	2.10

Dutch Elm Disease Control—Private Property

Tree Warden—Compensation	3,500.00			3,500.00
Tree Warden—Expenses	750.00		750.00	
Building Inspector	11,000.00		10,825.40	174.60
	500.00	6.50	506.50	
	189,686.07	539.99	164,367.48	21,396.52
				4,462.06

III Health and Sanitation

Board of Health

Chairman's Salary

Secretary's Salary

3rd Member's Salary

Expenses

Cooperating Boards of Health

Inspection of Plumbing

Mosquito Control

Chairman's Salary	25.00		25.00	
Secretary's Salary	50.00		50.00	
3rd Member's Salary	25.00		25.00	
Expenses	3,000.00		2,648.29	351.71
Cooperating Boards of Health	2,651.60	125.00	2,748.51	28.09
Inspection of Plumbing	1,750.00		1,547.91	202.09
Mosquito Control	6,500.00		6,500.00	
	14,001.60	125.00	13,544.71	None
				581.89

IV Highways and Bridges

Highway Department

Salaries

Expenses

Equipment†

Bal. Jan. 1

Bal. Jan. 1

Bal. Jan. 1

Bal. Jan. 1

Bal. Jan. 1

Drainage†

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Chapter 90 Construction†

Salaries	47,050.00		43,092.57	3,957.43
Expenses	29,000.00		28,997.46	2.54
Equipment†	5,000.00			
Bal. Jan. 1	851.46		4,998.08	853.38
Bal. Jan. 1	8,007.56		861.54	7,146.02
Bal. Jan. 1	4,500.00		4,499.97	.03
Bal. Jan. 1	16,000.00			
Bal. Jan. 1	2,741.14		5,346.02	13,395.12

Highway Land Takings†	2,000.00			2,000.00	
Street Lighting	12,800.00		11,621.79	1,062.37	115.84
Public Dump	100.00				100.00
Municipal Garage Construction†	140.43			140.43	
Bal. Jan. 1					
	128,190.59	None	99,417.43	24,597.32	4,175.84

Va. Public Welfare—Appropriations

Board of Public Welfare					
Chairman's Salary	50.00		50.00		
2nd Member's Salary	50.00		50.00		
3rd Member's Salary	50.00		50.00		
Public Welfare—Administration					
Salary	1,350.00	120.62	1,470.62		
Expenses	700.00		521.54		178.46
Aid Expense	28,231.80		27,288.78		943.02
Soldiers' Benefits	500.00	975.00	1,468.61		6.39
	30,931.80	1,095.62	30,899.55	None	1,127.87

b. Public Welfare—Federal Grants

Old Age Assistance					
Administration					
Bal. Jan. 1, 1955	44.65				
Grants Received	1,021.81		1,065.46		
Bal. Jan. 1, 1955					
Grants Received	9,036.13		8,861.59		174.54

Assistance

Aid to Dependent Children
Administration

Bal. Jan. 1, 1955 132.47
Grants Received 669.82

802.29

Aid

Bal. Jan. 1, 1955 —
Grants Received 1,377.73

1,374.53 3.20

Disability Assistance
Administration

Bal. Jan. 1, 1955 182.61
Grants Received 194.02

376.63

Assistance

Bal. Jan. 1, 1955 —
Grants Received 717.01

683.95 33.06

67

Vla. Schools—Appropriations

School Department

Salaries

352,683.00

470.76

Inspection of School Children

900.00

352,212.24

School Nurse

2,550.00

900.00

Utilities and Fuel

27,000.00

2,512.12

Maintenance, Repairs and Other Expenses

51,576.00

27,243.72

Transportation

35,387.00

50,425.40

Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance

665.00

34,200.74

Vocational Education

400.00

652.15

Out-of-State Travel

902.00

365.79

Association Membership Dues

217.00

876.50

25.50

216.30

.70

Reconstruction and Repairs†	Bal. Jan. 1	31.71			31.71
School Buildings—Plans, Engineering and Expert Services†	Bal. Jan. 1	3,248.92			3,248.92
Elementary School Building Committee†	Bal. Jan. 1	183,830.47		168,501.17	15,329.30
Acquisition of Land—Wellesley Street		50.00		50.00	
School Buildings—Remodeling,					
		659,441.10	292.37	638,156.13	19,107.74 2,469.60
b. Schools—Special Funds					
Special School Lunch Account	Bal. Jan. 1	3,672.51			
Received from sale of lunches		19,598.61			
Received from Commonwealth of Mass. and Federal Government as reimbursement		6,481.36			
School Athletic Fund		29,752.48		27,205.15	2,547.33
Receipts	Bal. Jan. 1	1,322.41			
		2,473.52			
		3,795.93		3,408.23	387.70
VII Library					
Salaries		33,548.41	None	30,613.38	2,935.03 None
Expenses		18,796.25		18,709.57	86.68
Books, Periodicals and Records		3,300.00*	90.00	3,278.57	15.57
Maintenance and Repairs		3,500.00		3,498.15	1.85
		500.00		419.38	80.62

Equipment	750.00	675.30	67.89	6.81
Out-of-State Travel	125.00	90.15		34.85
	26,971.25	26,671.12	244.37	145.76
*Includes \$1,384.37 transferred from County Dog License Refund.				
VIII Recreation				
Recreation Commission	12,920.00	11,447.96		1,472.04
Recreation Commission—Filtering Equipment	6,000.00	6,124.43	335.57	
Park Department	1,510.00	1,386.75		123.25
	20,430.00	18,959.14	335.57	1,595.29
IX Unclassified				
Memorial Day	325.00	301.67		23.33
Town Reports	1,700.00	1,783.03		
Insurance—Fire and Boiler	4,500.00	4,708.75		
—Workmen's Compensation	4,700.00	4,623.77		76.23
—Motor Vehicles	1,825.00	2,135.02		.02
—All Other	950.00	1,050.13		
—Group Life	1,103.00	759.40	343.60	
Town Owned Houses	500.00	156.77		343.23
Tax Possessions Maintenance†	376.02		376.02	
Contributory Retirement Fund	9,399.61	9,399.61		
Unclassified—All Other	800.00	733.90		66.10
Town Bulletin	1,800.00	1,939.34		
Historical Committee	50.00			50.00
Purchase of land for public parking space†	6,500.00		6,500.00	
State Census—1955†	500.00	370.03		129.97
	35,028.63	27,961.42	7,219.62	688.88

X Water Department

Board of Water Commissioners				
Chairman's Salary	100.00		100.00	
2nd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00	
3rd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00	
Water Department				
Salaries	17,198.00		16,560.48	637.52
Expenses	20,707.00	1,000.00	21,355.37	351.63
Equipment and Apparatus	7,450.00		7,165.21	284.79
Paint Standpipe	2,400.00		2,100.00	300.00
Water Department—Blanket Extensions†				
(Financed by bond issues and appropriations from available funds.)				
Bal. Jan. 1	48,755.77			
Appropriated article 9, Annual Town Meeting 3/21/55	66,000.00			
Transferred from Water Mains—Loring Road and Summer Street	15,733.04			
Water Supply, Plant and Facilities—Study and Investigation†	130,488.81		54,938.17	75,550.64
Bal. Jan. 1				
New Well Construction†	895.69		435.95	459.74
Bal. Jan. 1				
Water Mains—Loring Road and Summer Street†	10,869.79		10,803.49	66.30
Bal. Jan. 1				
Nickerson Field Pumping Equipment†	15,733.04		15,733.04*	
	12,640.00			12,640.00
	218,682.33	1,000.00	129,391.71	89,068.31
				1,222.31

*Transferred to Blanket Extensions by vote of Town under Article 9, Annual Town Meeting 3/21/55.

XIa. Cemetery Department—Appropriations

Salaries	11,800.00		11,704.01	95.99
Expenses	2,500.00		2,320.30	179.70
	14,300.00	None	14,024.31	275.69

b. Cemetery Department—Income Perpetual Care Funds

Bal. Jan. 1
Added during 1955

682.93		
2,599.08		
3,282.01	1,979.10	1,302.91

XII Interest and Maturing Debt

a. Appropriation

Interest on Refunds

10.00

10.00

b. Raised by Assessors

Interest on Debt—Water

2,344.30*	2,344.30**
32,214.00	32,214.00

—Schools

—Veteran's Housing

468.75

Maturing Debt—Water

—Schools

—Veteran's Housing

35,027.05	35,027.05
20,000.00	20,000.00
142,000.00	142,000.00
5,000.00	5,000.00
167,000.00	167,000.00

c. Accrued Interest Available for Interest Payments

Town Forest Loan	26.67	26.67
	202,063.72	202,027.05
	None	None
	36.67	36.67

*Includes \$125.30 raised to meet over expended balance of 1954.

**Includes \$125.30 debit balance from 1954.

Total transfers from Reserve Fund

XIII Reserve Fund

Transferred from Overlay Surplus	12,000.00
Less: Transfers in column 3 above	5,329.13
Balance transferred to Overlay Surplus 12/31/55	6,670.87

Sub-total I through XII

Category	None	1,672,460.75	5,329.13	None	6,670.87	None
12,000.00						
19,113.74						

XIV Expenditures from 1954 Appropriations Carried Forward to 1955

		Excess and Deficiency
Town Hall—Expenses	11.70	11.70
Hydrant Service	480.00	480.00
Tree Warden—Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00
Public Welfare—Aid Expense	2.00	2.00
Schools—Utilities and Fuel	435.00	408.82
Schools—Maintenance, Repairs and Other Expenses	1,561.79	1,527.49
Schools—Transportation	20.00	20.00
Library—Expenses	20.00	3.00
Library—Maintenance and Repairs	166.00	141.00
Library—Equipment	45.00	45.00
		26.18
		34.30
		17.00
		25.00

Park Department	226.00	226.00	
Memorial Day	10.00	10.00	
Town Owned Houses	8.30	8.30	
Cemetery Department—Expenses	1,584.00	1,584.00	
	7,069.79	None	None
	1,679,530.54	None	180,087.54
Grand Total			102.48
			19,216.22

Recapitulation of Departmental Expenditures 1955

Appropriation Balances January 1, 1955	296,031.19
Appropriations from Revenue 1955	946,103.55
Appropriations from Surplus	115,615.00
Appropriations from Overlay Surplus to Reserve Fund	12,000.00
Appropriation from Dog License Refund	1,384.37
Appropriation raised by borrowing	
Proceeds of Town Forest Loan	40,000.00
Transfer from Water Mains—Loring Road and Summer Street to Water—Blanket Extensions	15,733.04
Maturing Debt—raised by Assessors	167,000.00
Interest on Debt—raised by Assessors	35,027.05
Other Funds Available for Departmental Purposes	
Dividend—Group Life Insurance	403.00
Income Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	3,282.01
Federal Grants	13,376.25
School Athletic Fund	3,795.93

Special School Lunch Account	29,752.48	
Accrued Interest		
Town Forest Loan	26.67	50,636.34 1,383,499.35
Total Expenditures Authorized		1,679,530.54
Actual Expenditures 1955		1,480,226.78
Unexpended Authorizations		199,303.76
Less: Balances carried forward to 1956		180,087.54
Balances transferred to Surplus, December 31, 1955		19,216.22

Other Payments Required by Law January 1 to December 31, 1955

State Charges:

Metropolitan Parks—Loans, Interest and Maintenance	10,149.79
Auditing Municipal Accounts	.83
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Suppression	3,729.94
Boston Arena Authority	208.39
	14,088.95

County Charges:

Middlesex County Tax	34,595.50
Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital	7,131.50
	41,727.00
	55,815.95

Statement of Income and Expenditures Consolidated Trust Funds for the year January 1 to December 31, 1955

Consolidated Trust Funds:

Library Funds:

	Balance of Income Jan. 1, 1955	Income Added	Available for Expenditure	Balance of Income Expended Dec. 31, 1955
Group A	1,079.98	1,020.39	2,100.37	1,485.26
Group B	112.26	123.03	235.29	158.51
Group C	356.72	352.29	709.01	475.83
Group D	70.53	22.66	93.19	87.20
Group E	161.22	279.55	440.77	255.00
Group F	451.22	391.16	842.38	297.22
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	656.34	253.11	909.45	50.00
				859.45

H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds:

Town Common Fund	426.06	363.30	789.36	583.30	206.06
Teachers Home Fund	294.72	351.81	646.53	281.67	364.86
Trees and Shrubs Fund	1,343.10	175.51	1,518.61	53.50	1,465.11
Athletic Field Fund	735.97	175.51	911.48		911.48
School Prize Fund	112.47	105.28	217.75	90.00	127.75
Scholarship Fund	300.55	491.16	791.71	550.00	241.71
Alpheus Cutler Cemetery Fund	154.60	6.21	160.81		160.81
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	106.83	15.84	122.67		122.67
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	20.96	32.17	53.13	32.00	21.13
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	3.87	6.21	10.08	6.00	4.08
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	10.84	15.84	26.68	16.00	10.68
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	78.19	15.84	94.03		94.03

Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund
 Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds
 Weston War Memorial Educational Fund

6.31	9.65	15.96	9.00	6.96
682.93	2,599.08	3,282.01	1,979.10	1,302.91
70.09	79.31	149.40		149.40
<u>7,235.76</u>	<u>6,884.91</u>	<u>14,120.67</u>	<u>5,539.44</u>	<u>8,581.23</u>

Statement of Changes in Trust and Investment Funds other than Consolidated Trust Funds Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1955

Other Trust Funds:

H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund
 Edward B. Field Recreation Fund
 Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund
 World War Trust Fund

Principal and Interest Bal. Jan. 1	Income Added	Additions to Principal	Expended	Principal and Interest Bal. Dec. 31
8,359.94	238.96			8,598.90
402.66	11.14			413.80
393.89	11.89			405.78
<u>4,669.23</u>	<u>152.98</u>			<u>4,822.21</u>

Investment Funds:

Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund
 Water Main Extensions Guarantee Deposits Fund
 Post War Rehabilitation Fund
 Stabilization Fund

13,825.72	414.97	None	None	14,240.69
6,897.97	204.60	290.00		7,392.57
1,869.07	71.14			1,940.21
84.38	2.54			86.92
<u>273.06</u>	<u>6.52</u>			<u>279.58</u>
9,124.48	284.80	290.00	None	9,699.28
<u>22,950.20</u>	<u>699.77</u>	<u>290.00</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>23,939.97</u>

Totals

Statement of Outstanding Indebtedness, December 31, 1955

Purpose of loan and rate of interest

Purpose of loan and rate of interest	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1955	Paid in 1955	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955	Principal Due in 1956	Interest Due in 1956
School Loan No. 4, 2%	238,000.00	27,000.00	211,000.00	27,000.00	4,220.00
School Loan No. 5, 1.75%	64,000.00	5,000.00	59,000.00	5,000.00	1,032.50
School Loan No. 6, 2%	232,000.00	28,000.00	204,000.00	28,000.00	4,080.00
School Loan No. 7, 1.6%	84,000.00	12,000.00	72,000.00	12,000.00	1,152.00
School Loan No. 8, 2.2%	960,000.00	70,000.00	890,000.00	70,000.00	18,810.00
Total School Loans	1,578,000.00	142,000.00	1,436,000.00	142,000.00	29,294.50
Water Loan No. 13, 1%	49,000.00	7,000.00	42,000.00	7,000.00	385.00
Water Loans No. 17 and No. 18, 1.8%	90,000.00	10,000.00	80,000.00	10,000.00	1,350.00
Water Loan No. 19, 1.2%	21,000.00	3,000.00	18,000.00	2,000.00	204.00
Total Water Loans	160,000.00	20,000.00	140,000.00	19,000.00	1,939.00
Veterans' Housing Loan, 1950, 1.25%	40,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	406.25
Town Forest Loan, 2.0%	—	—	40,000.00	4,000.00	800.00
Grand Totals	1,778,000.00	167,000.00	1,651,000.00	170,000.00	32,439.75
Principal Due on Present Loans					
School Loans	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
	142,000.00	142,000.00	137,000.00	137,000.00	137,000.00
	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Veterans' Housing Loan	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Town Forest Loan	—	—	—	—	—
Total	170,000.00	170,000.00	165,000.00	165,000.00	165,000.00

REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITOR

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Weston for the period from November 11, 1953, the date of the previous examination, to October 22, 1955, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked with the treasurer's and town accountant's records.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the recorded receipts being compared with the treasurer's cash book, while the payments as entered were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the treasury warrants. The appropriations, transfer, and loans authorized, as recorded on the ledgers, were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings and with the records of the finance committee; and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of October 22, 1955.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the accountant's records, with the records of the department making payments to the treasurer, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the accountant's books.

The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on October 22, 1955 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited, by examination of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the payment in advance

of maturity, and checked with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The amounts of debt and interest unpaid were listed and reconciled with the balance as shown by statements furnished by the banks of deposit

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and all recorded transactions being verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The additions to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, and the tax titles and possessions on hand were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes, the county retirement system, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and group insurance were checked. The deductions were added and compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the disbursements were verified, and the balance on hand were reconciled with the town accountant's ledger controls.

The records of guarantee deposits made with the town treasurer, as required by the planning board for street acceptance and plans, and by the water commissioners for main extensions, were examined and checked. The deposits were listed, the amounts transferred to cover the cost of water extensions were verified, the refunds to depositors were proved, and deposits on hand October 22, 1955 were reconciled with the town accountant's ledger controls.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, department, and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the warrants issued for their collection. The recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the abatements as recorded were compared with the records in the assessors' and other departments authorized to grant abatements, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective controlling accounts in the accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of the town treasurer, town collector, and town accountant were found to have been neatly and accurately kept, thereby facilitating the work of the audit.

The town clerk's records of licenses and permits issued and of fees collected were examined and checked in detail, the recorded payments to the treasurer being verified by comparison with the treasurer's and the accountant's records.

The records of dog and sporting licenses were also examined, the payments to the State being verified by comparison with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being checked with the treasurer's cash book. The town clerk's cash balance on October 22, 1955 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office. ,

The records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, by the sealer of weights and measures, and by the building and wiring inspector, as well as by the police, health, school library, and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's general and special cash accounts, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Schwartz

Assistant Director of Accounts

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

This year we are resuming a series of identifications of donors of Weston Trust Funds, which was begun in 1948. The purpose has been to recall for present Townspeople the people who in the past have established lasting memorials in the form of trust funds for education of Weston's youth, for enlarging the cultural opportunities of its citizens, or for making their physical surroundings more adequate or attractive.

More than half of the gifts or bequests to the Town made over a period of 100 years were for the use of the Public Library. Established in 1857, Weston's library only very recently was selected to be visited by an international survey group as an outstanding example of small community public libraries. The five bequests mentioned below have helped to bring our Public Library to that enviable position.

When the present Public Library was built in 1900, the Misses Ellen and Alice Jones with their family vacated their dwelling on that site and returned to their birthplace in the east side of the Jones House. A cousin, Mrs. Abbie Jones Brown Stearns, was a sprightly widow of fifty who occupied the older west wing of the Jones House and greatly enjoyed driving out in her concord buggy. She was a great-great granddaughter of Benjamin Brown, who came from Watertown to the Farmers' Precinct in 1700 and later built the handsome residence, now owned by Henry Edgell, located on Conant Road just beyond the Lincoln Line. In 1715 Benjamin Brown became Deacon of the First Parish Church, so Abbie Brown had her roots deep in the central Weston community. She married George W. Stearns of Waltham, and they lived in the Brown homestead where she was born. After his early death in 1874, she stayed on while her parents lived and then moved to the more travelled Boston Post Road location in 1890. Apparently the new Library impressed her greatly; when she died in 1905, she left a bequest of \$1000 the income from which purchases books without restriction. The Central Burying Ground is her last resting place.

Francis Blake retired as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in 1910 after twenty-one years of service. Weston was still a quiet town of 2,000 souls, although the pressure of population moving outward from Boston was already causing local concern, and one of the problems which called for Blake's diplomacy was a proposal to run a trolley car line through North Avenue, generating heated arguments pro and con. He was born in Needham in 1850, and was the inventor of the Blake Transmitter, leading to a directorship of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. Married to Miss Elizabeth L. Hubbard, who lived in Weston, he established a residential farm here in the 1870's and

became a leading citizen. His family is still identified with Weston and its members have followed his tradition of service to the community through many years. When he died in 1913, a final remembrance to the Town was a bequest of \$1,000 to provide income for purchase of books of reference for the Public Library. He was buried in the Linwood Cemetery.

Four Case sisters were brought up in the home which now houses the Weston public kindergarten. One was killed in a driving accident in her late teens, and two others remained single. Only Caroline married; her husband was James B. Freeman who was in the investment business in Boston, and they lived on Love Lane. No children survived. One, Rosamond Freeman, lived to the age of nine years and then was taken. Caroline S. Freeman was a buoyant personality even in the face of adversities, and her company was sought by many appreciative friends. When she died in 1919 at the age of 63, she left a fund of \$10,000 known as the Rosamond Freeman Fund to the Weston Public Library with income to be applied to the purchase of books or other desirable acquisitions, preferably for the Children's Department. The Rosamond Freeman Room at the Library has long been one of its distinctive features because of this thoughtful gift. Mrs. Freeman also expressed a wish that Library hours be extended for the benefit of the children.

At the corner of Concord Road and Sudbury Road was the summer residence of Grant Walker, who was president of the Danvers Bleachery & Dye Works. He was born in Boston in 1851 and came here in his later years, without becoming an active participant in Weston Town affairs. He testified to his regard for the Town, however, by a bequest of \$10,000 to provide income for the purchase of books of all kinds for the Public Library. Since his death in 1920, his extensive lands have been acquired to build Weston College, and his greatly remodeled house is still in use by that institution.

Several successful businessmen had a high regard for a library well-stocked with "books of reference" as an aid to the self-development of youth, and Francis A. Foster was no exception. At his death in 1921 at the age of 78, he left \$2,500 as a trust fund to help enrich the Public Library's collection of such volumes. He was a bachelor and prominent cotton textile converter in Boston. He located his house on Newton Street, built of special brick imported from Pennsylvania; it is now occupied by the Pine Brook Country Club. A large barn, destroyed only a few years ago by fire, housed his driving-horses, and he could often be seen in the riding-ring near the road, exercising the colts. Sometimes even on Sunday mornings, church-goers were amazed to see him working them out with a bull-whip. A man of somewhat forbidding presence and exacting business conduct, he was nevertheless well-liked

by many who penetrated his craggy exterior, and he was a generous supporter of worthy causes in Weston.

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Additions to the principal of the Consolidated Trust Funds during 1955 were as follows:

Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	\$ 669.92
Perpetual Care payments, Burial Grounds	1,800.00
World War Trust Fund, unexpended interest	152.98
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	\$2,622.90

As of December 31, 1955, the total book value of the Funds was \$222,187.46. A detail of investments at book value (cost) and market values at December 30, 1955 follows:

		Book Value	Market Value Dec. 30, 1955
World War Trust Fund, in savings bank		\$ 4,822.21	\$ 4,822.21
Other savings bank deposits		116,449.22	116,449.22
\$10,000 U.S. Savings Ser 2½	6/ 1/56	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " "	12/ 1/56	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " "	5/ 1/57	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " "	11/ 1/57	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 Erie RR Eq. Tr. 3⅞	12/ 1/60	9,902.95	10,000.00
10,000 C & O Eq. Tr. 3¼	10/15/61	10,097.15	10,050.00
10,000 M-K-T Pr. Ln. 4	1/ 1/62	9,627.95	9,600.00
10,000 So. Pac. Eq. Tr. 3⅞	5/ 1/63	9,894.22	9,950.00
10,000 Reading Co. Tr. 3¼	4/ 1/65	10,000.00	10,000.00
5,000 N.Y. Cent. RR 4	2/ 1/98	4,218.75	3,737.50
215 shs First National Bank of Boston		7,175.01	13,437.50
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		\$222,187.46	\$228,046.43

* Redemption value at maturity.

During 1955, \$10,000 par value of United States Savings Bonds, Series G 2½'s matured, and \$10,000 par value Reading Company Equipment Trust Series of October 1955 3¼'s due April 1, 1965 were purchased at par. Further small increases in dividends paid by savings banks helped to increase the overall return from the Consolidated Trust Funds to approximately 3⅞%.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston
for the year 1955

Number of births recorded	100
Number of marriages recorded	59
Number of marriage certificates issued	46
Number of deaths recorded	51
Residents of Weston	47
Non-Residents	4
Population of town, 1955 Federal Census	6,257
Death rate per thousand	7.512

The following detailed report of births, marriages and deaths recorded during 1955 is printed for the purpose of bringing to the attention of interested persons the facts which appear on the official records of the Town Clerk. **Please check the names and other data for errors** and notify the Town Clerk's office if corrections in the original records should be made.

The report of the following birth occurring in 1953 was received too late to be included in the 1953 annual report.

JULY

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
11	Gregory Emerson Ricker	Harrington and Phillippa Pope

The report of the following births occurring in 1954 were received too late to be included in the 1954 annual report.

JULY

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
7	Karen Henderson	Douglas and Dorothy F. Henderson

SEPTEMBER

8	Bruce Cameron Campbell	Alan M. and Marjorie Holt
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OCTOBER

- | | | |
|----|------------------------|---|
| 7 | Bartlett Cooke Byers | Randolph K., Jr. and Eleanor B. Atwater |
| 14 | Charlotte Lane | Arthur and Charlotte P. Linser |
| 15 | James Cullen Swarr | Frank G. and Margaret M. Cullen |
| 21 | Samuel Dacre Bush, 4th | Samuel D., 3d and Rosalind Stark |

NOVEMBER

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 | Douglas Peter Corrigan | Douglas E. and Virginia M. Woolfall |
| 6 | Dorothy Gail Paskiewicz | Joseph and Dorothy R. Brackett |
| 13 | Thomas Wade Bailey | Hamilton T. and Nancy F. Kitzelman |
| 18 | Robert Jay Crawford | Howard R. and Doris Church |

DECEMBER

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|----|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 14 | Leslie Ellen Donovan | James J. and Dorothy Steinmetz . |
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Births

JANUARY

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | David Richard Teittinen | Aimo H. and Helen S. Edwards |
| 4 | Jeffrey Alexander Brodrick | Malcolm H. and Marjorie Klein |
| 4 | Lawrence Eldred Parnass | Henry W. and Barbara Johnson |
| 4 | Timothy Stuart Scott | Albert E., Jr. and Glenna Day |
| 9 | Michael David LaTerre | Harvey M. and Anita Hart |
| 13 | - - - - Owens | Carl C. and Elizabeth D. Massie |
| 15 | Janet Sylvia Sibley | Winfred C. and Germaine A. Pelletier |
| 19 | Thomas Colbert Moye | John H. and Elizabeth M. Monks |
| 24 | Helen Taylor Clark | Edward S. and Patricia E. Taylor |
| 24 | Karen Ann Gordon | Kenneth C. and Ann M. Connolly |

FEBRUARY

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|----|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Kevin Conrad Schofield | Conrad and Eva M. Compton |
| 1 | Hannah Mercedes Stutz | Rolf and Nancy Sturman |
| 2 | Christopher Lane Queen | William A. and Alice Lane |
| 11 | Lee Peabody Glaws | John P. and Jeannette Cannon |
| 11 | Margaret Hunt . | Albert B. and Frances Parson |
| 12 | Mary Blanchard Shriner | Richard W. and Elizabeth Toner |
| 14 | Charyl Anne Smith | William V. and Evelyn E. Dion |
| 16 | Patricia Lynne Davie | John R. and Kathleen M. Connolly |
| 16 | James Clyde Lennon | James M. and Doris L. Foote |
| 19 | Bruce James Ferguson | Buel J., Jr., and Doris A. Sullivan |

- 22 Mark Russell Merrill
 24 Stefan Edwin Karas
 27 Amy Louise Ellis

Henry M., Jr. and Priscilla Otto
 Joseph E. and Eugenia M. Kierzkowski
 Robert S. and Margaret A. Elford

MARCH

- 1 Judith Ann Breck
 4 James Hayden Thomas
 9 Elizabeth Field Blake
 11 Jeffrey Carleton Mellecker
 15 Priscilla Mary Sgroi
 23 Lois Wikstrom
 24 Debra Sue Bourinot
 28 Arlene Marie Comeau
 30 Frederick Winfield Dougherty
 30 Deborah Woodcock White

Robert G., Jr. and Priscilla Buttner
 Jacob E. and Elizabeth J. McBraun
 Benjamin S., Jr. and Mary A. Blake
 John B., Jr. and Janice L. Richardson
 Edmund A. and Helen E. MacDonald
 Oscar W., Jr. and Mildred Hawkins
 David J., Jr. and Gwendolyn R. Rand
 Ernest A. and Anna M. LeBlanc
 J. Bruce and Jean MacDill
 Dixon B. and Sarah M. Eaton

APRIL

- 6 Penelope Field Ogilvie
 10 John Clanton Butler
 17 Jeffrey Schuyler Holden
 18 Nancy Parker Perry
 18 Kevin Hull Whittemore
 19 Peter Frank Popko, 2d
 20 Brian Douglas McCarter
 22 Vincent Vestal Klees
 22 Laura Drummond McMullin
 22 Joel Herbert Peterson
 24 James William McBride
 26 Lisa Moreton

Robert S. and Miriam Gibbs
 Theo R. and Barbara L. Comeau
 Richmond Y. and Mary - Jane Muzzy
 Norman M. and Madeline Bullard
 Alden H. and Shirley K. Sutherland
 Peter C. and Sarah Church
 Robert H. and Dorothy Douglas
 Robert M. and Elizabeth S. Vestal
 Robert D. and Barbara Bell
 Carlton H. and Joanne B. Johnson
 Hugh J. and Irene Williams
 John R. and Rose Ann Penne

MAY

- 5 Robert James Gardner
 10 James Murray Cook
 10 Richard Tucker Reynolds
 12 Robin Leigh Kingsbury
 18 Sarah Elizabeth Ferris
 19 Daniel Raymond Allen
 25 Mark Ellen Sweeney
 26 Jennifer Elizabeth Reggio
 30 Bradford Hardie, 2d

James H. and Mary A. Palmer
 James C. and Judith Howland
 Harris A. and Gloria Castleman
 David A. and Lillian G. Frye
 Benjamin G., Jr. and Sarah Upham
 Carlton R. and Adria W. Marston
 Marvin W., Jr. and Virginia I. Rogers
 A. Nicholas and Elizabeth McCarty
 Charles H. and Louise Dickson

JUNE

3	Timothy Spencer Payson	Samuel R. and Ruth McWain
4	- - - Copeland	Edward M. and Julianna B. Hoblitzell
4	Robert Bruce Hunter, 3d	Robert B., Jr. and Georgia M. Kearney
6	William Bryant Reid	David H. and Janice B. Gould
11	Nicholas Blake Johnson	Paul and Margaret Garrett
14	Merrill Perkins	John A. and Karen Hall
22	Daniel Clayton Sherman	Richard L. and Jan Palmer
28	James Carey Birmingham	John M. and Miriam Thomson
28	Frank Mark Hiatt	Frank J. and Mary B. Kirkutis
29	Charles Joseph Precourt	Charles A. and Helen M. Fennell

JULY

7	Paul Michael Spellissy	George T. and Anna L. White
14	Dennis Lawrence Kerwin	Edward M., Jr. and Margaret O'Grady
14	Sandra Lee Meyer	James W. and Carol E. Hamre
19	John Murray Dowse	Grant H. and Irene Murray
22	Joseph Michel Aucoin	Joseph M. and Pauline Mogan
23	Gary Charles DeRusha	Henry W. and Helen L. Tees
23	David Miller Nelson	Herbert E. and Barbara T. Brown
25	Stephen Christopher Shepard	Thomas W. and Phyliss Brown

AUGUST

5	Stephen Capoccia	Anthony L. and Yolanda L. Conti
8	Barbara Woods	Frank J. and Marjorie E. Cole
10	Margaret Gertrude Dean	Wendell A. and Maybelle L. Caughey
11	David Hastings Shepherd	Thomas E., Jr. and Beverly Hastings
25	Gary Whiton Pearson	Robert W. and Laura Roxborough
27	Bradford Leonard Currier	Malcolm S. and Evelyn E. Leonard
29	Susan Stevens Sawyer	Fred A. and Audrey B. Winsor
31	Seaton Andrew Ranulf Gras	Ranulf W. and Annette E. Peters

SEPTEMBER

2	Yvonne Williams	Conway S. and Shirlee Cook
4	Christopher Paine Scott	John E. and Constance I. Whittemore
14	Janet Leslie Graham	William A. G. and Sydna L. Cantelon
17	John Munger Ferguson	William B. and Eunice B. Munger
18	Cynthia Jones	Arthur F. and Ruth B. Fahey
24	Susan Cutler Levertton	Walter F. and Ruth E. Mortenson
26	Deborah Lynn Tilly	Waldemar S. and Doris L. Dunbrack
29	Lisa Ann Christopher	Leo C. and Gertrude E. Johnson

OCTOBER

12	Barbara Lynn Page	Frederick S. E. and Edna B. Gladen
14	Andrew Dent Gale	Jerome M. and Nancy D. Douglass
20	Robert Mallers Reilly	Hamilton G. and Mary K. Mallers
23	Judith Bernice Krakowski	John F. and Saada M. Gage
24	Nancy Ellen Maher	John T. and Kathryn B. Place
25	Doyle J. Gartrell, Jr.	Doyle J. and Nancy E. Barker
26	Valerie Lorraine Brown	David B. and Joan L. McCammon
28	Paul Standish Knowles	Donald B. and Roberta Chisholm

NOVEMBER

7	Joseph Paul Sheehan, Jr.	Joseph P. and Mary E. Dolan
20	Mary Linda Surette	Raymond L. and Agnes A. Cotton
23	Stanley Woollett Matthews, Jr.	Stanley W. and Gertrude F. Dore
28	Alexander Donaldson McMullin	Donaldson R. and Jean C. Gwyer

Marriages

Date

JANUARY

- 16 Paul L. Bruillard and Juanita L. Colson both of Waltham

FEBRUARY

- 6 John M. Lewis of Weston and Louise A. Silbert of Newton Centre
 12 William W. Arnold of Weston and Anne M. Mulcahy of Roxbury
 12 Ellwood E. Austin of Virginia and Eleanor M. Starmer of Waltham
 19 Harold W. Walsh of Weston and Aurore J. Compagna of New Hampshire
 26 Philip J. Edwards of North Carolina and Ruth G. Linder of Weston

MARCH

- 5 William C. Karalekas of Weston and Ruth Climo of Boston
 11 Calvin C. Patriquin of Weston and Joan L. Berard of Waltham
 12 Doyle J. Gartrell of Utah and Nancy E. Barker of Weston
 29 John S. Chandler of Weston and Barbara L. M. Walazek of Belmont

APRIL

- 2 Elwood E. Holmes, Jr. of Weston and Charlotte J. Lowe of Waltham
 10 Anthony R. Galluzzo of Maryland and Claudia J. Mollomo of Weston
 18 John J. Cronin, Jr. of Weston and Jane P. Lennon of Concord
 19 John F. Lyons of Dorchester and Annette J. Lawless of Weston
 23 Robert F. Healey of Weston and Beverly J. Dowell of Waltham
 30 Edmund A. Miranda of Roslindale and Eleanor Tierney of Watertown

MAY

- 8 Gerhard Weber of Weston and Rosemarie E. Isele of Auburndale
- 28 George W. Brothers of Weston and Doris P. G. Guile of Sharon

JUNE

- 6 Vincent L. Baia and Dorothy Larkin both of Boston
- 18 John R. Caldwell of Northampton and Vela R. Feck of Weston
- 18 Robert C. Greene of Connecticut and Edith A. Blaney of Weston
- 19 Hugh W. Chandler of Weston and Ruth I. Sketchley of Lynn
- 19 Leon H. Cohen of Newton and Rhoda J. Rudman of Maine
- 19 Joseph B. McNamara of Boston and Jill C. Kibbe of Weston
- 20 William H. Eddy, Jr. of Weston and Beryl Forbes of Cambridge
- 25 Charles G. Allen, 4th of Barre and Alice A. Rinehart of Weston
- 25 James L. Gleason of Wellesley and Paula E. Lawless of Weston
- 25 James N. Perkins of New Hampshire and Jo Ann Milton of Weston
- 25 John P. Philbin of Clinton and Elizabeth M. Cronin of Weston.
- 26 Sven E. Tilly of Weston and Nancy G. Tully of Needham

JULY

- 22 Bjarne E. Ursin of Weston and Marilyn L. Spurr of Chelmsford
- 23 Robert H. Barker and Georgia M. McCarty both of Weston

AUGUST

- 9 Frank B. Carter, Jr. of Weston and Lucy P. Gillespie of Belmont
- 20 Edward R. Hastings, 3rd of Cohasset and Virginia R. Adams of Weston
- 20 Winslow F. Pollock of Newton Centre and Carla Frost of Weston

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Ralph D. Powell, Jr. of Weston and Mary J. Macmillan of Waban
- 3 Robert B. Cullen of Weston and Doris M. Trudel of Templeton
- 3 Richard C. Stone of Lynn and Lola M. Butler of Sudbury
- 10 Christopher Brayton of Weston and Dianne M. MacLeod of Wellesley Hills
- 10 Richard W. Dunbar of Newton Highlands and Lesley B. Field of Weston
- 10 Robert C. Lindsay of Wellesley and Janice E. Fay of Weston
- 10 Joseph E. Manion, Jr. of Hingham and Carol Dowd of Weston
- 10 Lyman W. Smith of Weston and Deborah Knights of Wayland
- 11 Denis J. Doucette of Weston and Ethel L. Doucette of Cambridge
- 17 Arthur Polier of New York and Elizabeth P. Powell of Weston
- 18 Douglas L. MacElroy of Chelmsford and Deborah C. Gratecy of Weston

- 25 Carl E. Gilbert of Marblehead and Jean O. Schwartz of Weston
 26 John J. McCormack of Hanover Centre and Lenore K. Walton
 of Weston
 28 Thomas H. Wheeler and Edith Thayer both of Wayland.

OCTOBER

- 1 Donald S. Howard and Phyllis A. Havey both of Boston
 8 Glover B. Mayfield of Weston and Gale S. Soule of Manchester
 14 Julian J. D'Agostine, Jr. of Brighton and Jane E. Turner of Weston
 16 Richard I. Kaye and Anne G. Waterman both of Brookline
 22 John B. Handrahan of Weymouth and Jane M. Cusick of Weston
 29 Milo R. London, Jr. and Eleanor S. Merrick both of Boston

NOVEMBER

- 10 David L. Hall of Kentucky and Eleanor G. Wales of Waltham
 12 Kenneth Y. Wright, Jr. of Belmont and Pamela Curry of Weston
 26 James O. Marley and Jean M. Londregan both of Lynn

DECEMBER

- 11 Charles R. Small of Weston and Anna J. C. Hayes of Waltham

Deaths

JANUARY

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age		
1	Augustus F. Gardella	Boston, Mass.	66	—	—
4	Margaret C. Baker	Somerville, Mass.	64	10	24
6	George F. Johnson	Charlestown, Mass.	75	5	24
7	William L. Johnson, S.J.	Lewiston, Me.	56	—	—
12	Charles W. Tees	England	65	—	—
14	Baby Boy Owens	Waltham, Mass.	0	0	1
19	Peter Dempsey, S.J.	Ireland	80	—	—
28	Grace L. Hersum	Sidney, Me.	85	11	28

FEBRUARY

4	Ephraim A. Desmond	Nova Scotia	92	3	13
4	Harold F. Jacobsen	Cambridge, Mass.	67	10	27
10	Margaret B. Warren	Wayland, Mass.	86	3	17
23	Ardis M. MacLeod	Nova Scotia	52	6	25

MARCH

7	James J. Leahan	Waltham, Mass.	85	1	13
13	Grace D. Bradford	Milford, N. H.	90	4	3

14	Elizabeth A. Harvey	Chelsea, Mass.	76	11	13
31	Marian L. D. Russell	Brockton, Mass.	82	11	2

APRIL

7	Mary A. Moore	Weston, Mass.	88	8	5
13	Joseph N. Brown	England	79	—	—
18	Adelaide S. McKenna	Weston, Mass.	65	8	8

MAY

6	Paul M. Werner	Manchester, N. H.	51	6	29
10	Alice Foster	Quincy, Mass.	68	—	—
17	Frank Brooks	Waltham, Mass.	90	4	10
19	Josephine M. Melone	Waltham, Mass.	24	7	6
22	William J. Henderson	Newton, Mass.	77	9	26
25	Susanna G. Seel	Germany	84	5	21
26	Harold C. Knowlton	Westbrook, Me.	79	10	20
29	Margaret C. Fitzgerald	England	84	10	10

JUNE

1	Oscar Smith	Granitville, Vt.	29	—	—
4	Edward C. Dooley	Weston, Mass.	65	—	—
4	Margaret Farrell	Hyde Park, Mass.	55	2	19
6	Baby Girl Copeland	Cambridge, Mass.	0	0	2
14	Thomas L. Boland	Boston, Mass.	64	7	2
17	Florence G. Jacobsen	Cambridge, Mass.	69	10	29
18	Sarah N. Brown	Brookline, Mass.	77	—	—
29	Anabelle L. L. Monks	New York, N. Y.	73	8	10

JULY

9	Sarah C. Hunt	Wayland, Mass.	72	2	4
15	Edward M. Copeland	Savanah, Ga.	37	6	17
30	Leander H. Redfield	Clinton, Conn.	63	4	8

AUGUST

1	Clarence Mallett	Long Island, N. Y.	76	9	10
9	Phoebe E. Tozier	England	90	6	17
11	George C. Dwyar	Ashland, Mass.	84	0	23
15	Letitia E. Brown	Ireland	74	10	1
28	Alfred F. Anderson	Sweden	85	0	7

SEPTEMBER

19	Devena F. Jennings	Canada	64	5	12
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OCTOBER

22	Hiram D. Noonan	Houston, Texas	33	6	—
24	Francis J. Millmore	Watertown, Mass.	47	8	—
25	Anna O. A. Dickson	Sweden	86	4	11
31	Howard Richardson	Sudbury, Mass.	88	1	14

DECEMBER

23	Nancy Edmunds	Boston, Mass.	10	4	0
25	Bertha Larson	Sweden	86	5	17
26	Rose M. Scott	Boston, Mass.	46	10	19

Number of dog licenses issued during the year:

507 males at \$2.	\$1,014.00
114 females at \$5.	570.00
332 female spayed at \$2.	664.00
1 kennel license at \$50.	50.00
14 kennel licenses at \$10.	140.00
3 transfers at 25c	.75
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	\$2,438.75

Fees deducted (968 licenses at 20 cents)	\$193.60
Paid to Middlesex County Treasurer	2,244.40
3 transfers at 25c	.75
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	\$2,438.75

Number of licenses issued during the year under the Division of Fisheries and Game:

106 Fishing at \$3.25	\$344.50
80 Hunting at \$3.25	260.00
52 Sporting at \$5.25	273.00
21 Female Fishing at \$2.25	47.25
22 Minor Fishing at \$1.25	27.50
1 Special Non-Resident Fishing at \$2.75	2.75
1 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing at \$7.75	7.75
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting at \$15.25	15.25
3 Duplicates at \$.50	1.50
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	\$ 979.50
Fees deducted (284 licenses @ 25c)	\$ 71.00
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	908.50
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	\$ 979.50

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The Board of Registrars of Voters reports that our annual census, taken according to law during the month of February 1955, showed the total population of Weston to be 6257 persons.

We report, further, that there are 3092 registered voters in the Town as of December 31, 1955.

We urge all eligible persons to register so as to be able to vote in the important election year of 1956. To be eligible one must be 21 years of age, and must have lived in Massachusetts not less than one year and in Weston not less than six months before registering. One may register at the Town House offices at any time during office hours and certain evenings as prescribed by law.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Early in 1955 a series of informal public hearings were held by the Planning Board on the subject of a long range plan for Weston. It was the purpose of these meetings to consider whether or not an appropriation should be requested for the purpose of making a basic planning study. As a consequence of the facts and needs demonstrated at these meetings it was determined to recommend to the Town that an appropriation of \$5,000 for planning purposes be requested and that if the appropriation was granted, a professional consultant be retained. The appropriation was granted and Mr. Allen Benjamin, a well-known town planning consultant, was retained.

Mr. Benjamin and his staff immediately undertook a basic land use study of Weston. The specific objectives of this study were, first, to compile a thorough inventory of present development and land use, and, secondly, to make a detailed appraisal of all land not now in use. On the basis of this data projections were made as to the future growth of the Town. The projections, in turn, are serving as a guide to studies of school needs and locations, road, traffic and parking problems, and a number of other problems presented by the substantial increase in population and intensity of development which the Town faces. The basic study has been completed and work is now in progress as to the other studies. The Board is pleased with the results of this program thus far and believes the data will be an invaluable aid to the difficult planning problems which are inherent in these developments.

While it would be impossible in the space permitted in this report to even summarize the data now developed, certain of the conclusions may be of particular interest. At present, there are some 1,800 houses in

Weston and a population of over 6,400 persons. Under present zoning the Town has undeveloped land which has a capacity for an additional 3,643 houses if fully developed. Full development of Weston is expected to be reached in 35 - 45 years. If full maximum development should be reached, there would be 5,443 homes and a population of over 19,000 people. The Board is convinced that ultimate development and land use over the entire Town is improbable and has made a comprehensive survey of what the probable development will ultimately be. This projection shows a probable development to about 4,100 houses and a population of 14,500. This result is currently being approached at the rate of over 100 houses and some 360 people per year. By 1965 we can therefore expect that the Town will grow by about 1,000 houses and some 3,600 people. This growth will represent an increase in the size of the Town of something more than 50%. This rate will probably increase due to the ever increasing ease of transportation and the tremendous employment areas being established at and close to the borders of the Town. A map showing the distribution of present and expected development in the Town may be obtained without cost upon request to the Planning Board.

Over the past year 8 development plans were approved. These plans established 2.51 miles of new roads and 96 new building lots. A great many plans not involving new roads were considered by the Board. These plans do not require approval if the Board finds they comply with zoning requirements.

The Board expects to complete all of the major studies now in progress during the year 1956. In addition, it is intended to make a further study of the areas affected by the toll road now being constructed to determine if zoning changes should be recommended as to any of these areas.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ENGINEER

A brief summary of the work carried on by this department with the various Town departments is as follows:

Planning Board. Attended Planning Board meetings and public hearings and advised the Board on technical matters. Also provided information to Mr. Allen Benjamin, Consultant, for his report on Weston's future development.

Board of Assessors. A new set of atlas plates was furnished the Board of Assessors bringing them up to date as of January first of this year with the exception of the locations of new buildings.

Building Inspector. Numbers were assigned to new buildings and inspections were made while the Inspector was on vacation.

Water Department. Prepared estimates of cost of water main extensions, also plans, contracts and specifications for installation of water mains and appurtenances for 1.44 miles of pipe. Also supervised the installation of this pipe. Prepared plans and specifications and contract for installation of a new 1000-gallon per minute deep well pump in the Nickerson Field well.

Highway Department. Conferred with this department on drainage problems in many parts of the Town.

School Department. Staked out the girls' hockey field now under construction at the High School. Conferred with the Superintendent and consultants on new school sites.

Town Forest Committee. Made a field survey and prepared a plan of 150 acres for Town forest on Paine and Woodworth land, also survey and plan of 42 acres of Miss Marion Farnsworth's land for Town forest.

Conferences were held with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and their representatives on matters affecting the Highway and Water Departments of the Town.

Conferred with the County Engineer on layouts of North Avenue, Highland, Newton, Pine and Winter Streets.

Gave information to public utility companies, residents of the Town and others.

Protection of Persons and Property

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Abandoned cars	6
Accidents	105
Ambulance calls	46
Bitten by dogs	17
Buildings broken into	22
Complaints and investigations	691
Complaints about dogs	148
Dogs to pound	21
Empty houses watched	381
Summonses served	137
Summonses returned without service	10
Value of property stolen—Approximate	\$16,720.00
Value of property recovered—Approximate	\$ 728.50
Juvenile cases	15
Cases reported to Registry of Motor Vehicles	51

Arrests made:	Male	Female
Allowing improper person to operate	1	
Automobile law violations	5	
Assault	1	
Attempt to break and enter	1	
Breaking and entering and larceny	7	
Carrying concealed weapon	1	
Driving to endanger	10	
Drunk	16	
Insane		1
Larceny	1	
Larceny by check	1	
Malicious mischief	3	
Neglect of children	1	
Non-support	2	
Operating after suspension	1	
Operating under influence	8	
Operating unregistered car	1	
Receiving stolen property	1	
Setting fire without permit	2	
Suspicious person	1	
Speeding	4	

Threatening bodily harm	1	
Using without authority	1	
Trespass	2	
Violation of School Bus Law	4	
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	76	1

Disposition of Cases:

Committed to State Hospital	3	1
Dismissed	6	
Fined	21	
Held for Grand Jury	1	
Not Guilty	11	
Placed on file	7	
Probation	4	
Released	11	
Sentenced to House of Correction	1	
Suspended Sentence—House of Correction	1	
Turned over to outside police	5	
Turned over to parents	5	
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	76	1

Fatal accidents		5
Motor Vehicle	3	
Other	2	

Disposition of cases in Superior Court:

Threatening	Continued on Probation
Destruction of property	Continued on Probation

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the past two years 88 new homes, totalling 1 3/4 million dollars in value, have been built on the South side of town, three miles or more from the fire station. In good weather it takes 10 to 14 minutes for fire apparatus from Weston Center to reach these homes; during the winter twice this time may be required. Narrow, winding roads and the heavy loads of water carried by our fire trucks slow our response to distant fires. As most people know, the first few minutes of a fire are precious. I feel that an additional station on the South side of town is important to the protection of townspeople in that area.

With the new dial telephone system in service there is no local operator to assist a person in reporting a fire or to trace a call. After a fire alarm is received and the men on duty at the station have responded, at times there is no one left in the station to answer the telephone until call firemen get to the station. Two additional men are needed to cover the fire station 24 hours a day.

Our 25 year old Buffalo pumper failed the Fire Underwriters' 1000 gallon-per-minute pumping test this year and is now rated at 750 g.p.m. This truck is obsolete (the manufacturer is out of business and parts are difficult to obtain) and should be replaced by a new truck with a 750 g.p.m. three-stage centrifugal type pump.

This year we changed our fire alarm system to "fast time", a system used in all cities. Under the old system, fire alarm boxes located throughout the town directly operated the fire whistle at the station and the "tappers" (fire bells) located in each fireman's home. The central transmitter at the station also operated both the tappers and whistle. The speed of the entire system was limited by the whistle — which must be blown slowly in order to be able to count it. With the new system, the whistle and the tapper system are independent of each other. Outside fire alarm boxes and a new central fire alarm transmitter now send out their numbers five times faster than before, over the tapper system only. The old transmitter in the station is used to blow the whistle after an alarm has been transmitted over the tappers. The new system is working very well and speeds up our responses to fire alarms.

WHEN PHONING FOR FIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE GIVE YOUR STREET AND NUMBER FIRST, THEN YOUR NAME.

In 1955 the Fire Department responded to 165 Bell Alarms and 136 Still Alarms for a total of 301 Alarms as follows:

In Buildings 45

Asphalt Plant	1	Heating Units	6
Automobile in Garage	1	Gas Furnace	2
Boiler	1	Oil Burner	4
Boiler House	1	Hotel	1
Bus Waiting Station	1	Hot Hay in Barn	2
Chimney	5	House	7
Clothes Dryer	1	Motor	1
College	1	Investigations	2
Electric Fixture	1	Railroad Waiting Station ..	1
Electric Incinerator	1	Shed	3
Electric Range	2	T.V. Set	1
Food in Oven	2	Washing Machine	2
Golf Club	1		

Other: 238

Automobile	7	Lean-to	1
Bridge	1	Locked Out	6
Broken Water Pipe	2	Locked In	2
Brush	67	Miscellaneous	27
Drilling Machine	1	Needless	9
Dump	8	Oil Tank Leak	2
Dump & Brush	4	Refrigerator Leak	3
False	8	Rubbish	4
Fire Box	7	Truck	3
Telephone	1	Utility Pole	2
Gasoline Pump & Truck ..	1	Water in Cellar	43
Grass	36	Wires Down	1

Emergency Calls: 16

Automobile Accident	5	Resuscitator	3
Truck Accident	4	Other	4

Mutual Aid: 2

to Waltham	1	to Wayland	1
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Mutual Aid was received 5 Times as follows:

from Newton	1	from Waltham	2
from Wellesley	2		

The following equipment was used by the various companies:

Company	Runs	$\frac{3}{4}$ " hose	$1\frac{1}{2}$ " hose	$2\frac{1}{2}$ " hose	Ladders
Engine 1	20	550'	—	950'	—
Engine 2	137	24025'	300'	—	10'
Engine 3	89	1070'	200'	550'	70'

Engine 4	91	7350'	—	450'	14'
Engine 5	87	9270'	300'	—	—
Ladder 1	49	250'	—	—	964'
Totals	473	51515'	800'	1950'	1068'

1955 Fire Loss (Insurance Paid) \$9,041.71

Number of Fires Causing loss in Excess of \$1,000 2

Jan. 9 Box 75 Weston Inn, 135 North Ave.

Jan. 15 Box 73 Dwelling House Homer L. Gaudreau 179 Conant Rd.

Per Capita Fire Loss (Approximately) \$ 1.29

Fire Chief

Maurice L. Upham

Permanent Men

Capt. John A. Compton

Capt. F. Wyman Johnson

Lieut. Daniel E. Compton

Lieut. Albert J. White

Priv. Herbert B. Crouch

Priv. Henry M. Merrill, Jr.

Priv. Charles E. MacLeod

Drill Master

Capt. F. Wyman Johnson

Clerk

Priv. Herbert B. Crouch

Honorary Members

Harold B. Colpitts

Winfred A. Martin

John A. Cain

Jeremiah Sliney

Frank B. Riley

Augie Johnson

Oscar S. Payne

Clarence Hyde

Herbert E. Lyons

Hugh N. MacDonald

Warren E. Vittum

John E. Lingley

Radio Man

Robert G. Hutchinson

Call Men

Ladder Company

Engine Company

Allan T. Wheeler, Jr.

Edward M. Dickson

Thomas Williams

Charles R. Barker

Stephen L. Colpitts

Leander F. Rafuse

Arnold C. Carlson

John A. Clark

Richard Hosterman

Henry M. Lingley

John A. Bartlett

Everett Schwartz, Jr.

Frederick Lyons

Frederick J. Perkins

William Sherburne
Philip M. Upham
Robert M. Delong

John W. P. Young
Ralph Lowell

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Weston Civil Defense organization remained unchanged during 1955 and all principal officers continued their service. In May Weston participated in a state and national exercise based on evacuation problems. No participation by the public was called for in Massachusetts, the exercise consisting mainly of tests of communication procedures and command post functioning.

Early in the year the Federal Civil Defense Administration shifted emphasis from "duck and cover" to "evacuate" in the belief that the only feasible protection against a hydrogen bomb is to get as far as possible from the blast and the subsequent intense radiation.

With the inauguration of the evacuation policy, the duties of the Weston Wardens were enlarged to include not only education, but the organization of the local areas for "evacuation" as well as "duck and cover". The change in duties required an extensive increase in the number of wardens.

At the present time, Weston is divided into four warden districts, on a geographical basis, for the general community, a commercial district comprising the business district of the town, and a school district comprising the public schools. Each of the districts is under the supervision of a Deputy Warden. The school Deputy Warden has met with representatives from all private schools and colleges in the Town, and at their request such schools and colleges have organized themselves individually for "evacuation" and "duck and cover". Nursery schools in the area are the responsibility of the local area warden in whose area the nursery school is located. The total number of persons involved in the Wardens Service is now approximately 125, almost entirely women.

The emphasis during the year was on informing and organizing the local areas through individual wardens. Toward this end, local area meetings have been held by the wardens, "HOME PROTECTION EXERCISE" booklets have been distributed to about a third of the town, the School Deputy Warden has achieved cooperation with the public school authorities and has been engaged in obtaining volunteer cars for use by the public schools for transportation in the event of an alert, the normal transportation afforded by school buses being inadequate for the purpose of evacuation.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Following is the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1955:

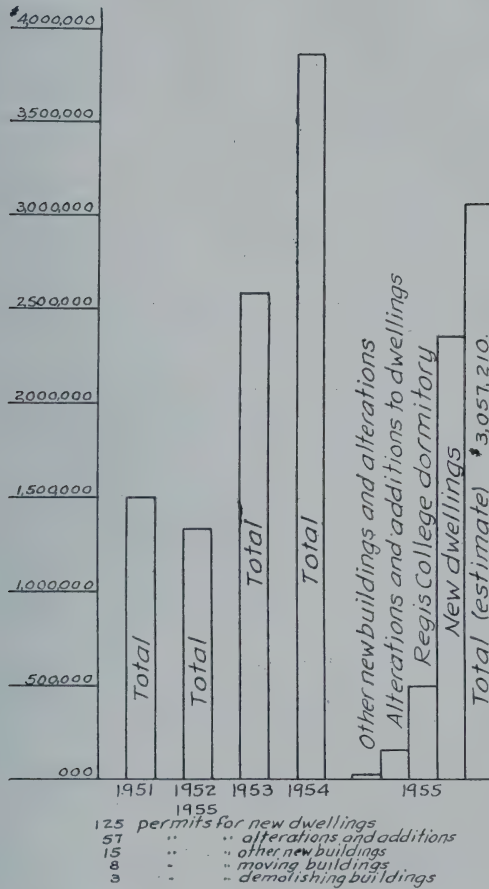
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Over 10,000 lbs.				
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.				
100		2		
Scales or Balances				
Under 100 lbs.		19		
Weights				
Avoirdupois				
Metric				
Troy				
Apothecary		26		
Volumetric Measures				
Vehicle Tank Compartments				
Liquid Meas. 1 gal. or under		4		
Liquid Meas. over 1 gal.				
Dry Measures				
Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices				
Meters, Inlet 1" or less				
Gasoline		9		
Oil, Grease				
Meters, Inlet more than 1"				
Vehicle Tank				
Loading Rack				
Pumps				
Gasoline (no. of stops)				
Kerosene, Oil, Grease		5		
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TOTALS		65		

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Number of permits issued	208
Number of building inspections	469
Fees collected	\$738.00

Building Activity

1951-1955



NOTE: The totals for 1953 and 1954 shown in this chart include the values of substantial tax-exempt new buildings for The Town of Weston and for Regis College.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Number of Permits Issued	347
Number of Wire Inspections	385
Fees Collected	\$584.00

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

During the past year the Tree Department has carried on its never-ending fight against Dutch elm disease. Twenty-seven public shade trees throughout the Town were found to be infected with Dutch elm disease fungus and these trees have been properly removed and disposed of.

At the special Town Meeting on December 12, 1955 the Town voted an appropriation of \$3,500.00 to be used in removing confirmed Dutch elm diseased trees on private property (within 250 feet from the street) which constitute a threat to roadside trees. Of the 150 samples taken from suspected trees only twenty-five were confirmed by the Shade Tree Laboratories of the University of Massachusetts to be infected with Dutch elm disease fungus. In due time the respective owners will be notified that the tree should be removed and given an estimate of the cost for which the Town will remove the tree. The Town will bear fifty per cent of the cost for removal of the diseased trees. The owner may obtain his own estimate for removal, and the Town will contribute fifty per cent of the lowest estimate. A great many elm trees that look diseased or are dead or dying but which are not confirmed Dutch elm diseased trees will not be removed under this policy.

Recent figures show that only one per cent of the total population of elms throughout the Commonwealth are being lost through Dutch elm disease. The continued fight for the control of Dutch elm disease is not in vain, particularly our spray program that is applied before the foliage appears and the removal and sanitation program that has been followed for several years.

The Tree Department has made every effort to remove dead and dangerous limbs and trees that would be a hazard to highway travel. It will still be some time before the scars of the '54 hurricanes are completely removed.

In the 1956 budget, the Tree Department is asking for a \$500.00 appropriation so that the Town can make a small start in a planting program.

The Moth Department carried on its usual spray program. One spray was applied to all the shade trees along the roadsides, and two sprays were applied to all elm trees along the roadsides, in order to control leaf eating insects, including the Elm Bark Beetle, Gypsy Moth, and Tent Caterpillar. This program has been carried on for several years, and has kept our shade trees in a healthy condition.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town in the capacity of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent, and I would like to express my thanks to the citizens and other Department heads for their cooperation.

Health and Sanitation

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Matters concerning general policies discussed during the year include the following:

1. The announcement that the Supervisor, who has served the town for over a quarter of a century would retire on March 31, 1956, brought to a head the problem of ways in which the Town of Weston might join other communities for co-operative health services on a more formal and durable basis than the present arrangement with the Town of Wellesley. Joint meetings with the Boards of Health of Wellesley and Needham, some of which were attended by Town Counsel from one or more of the towns, were held throughout the year. Finally, there was an agreement on a plan to have the Town of Wellesley employ a full time Health Officer, and the other two towns to purchase his services from Wellesley, salary and expenses to be shared according to a percentage, based on the most recent census. There will be an article in the warrant for the annual town meeting enabling the Board of Health to negotiate such a contract.

2. After serving the town faithfully and well for thirteen years, Miss Catherine E. Richards, the public health nurse, who also served the School Department, and the Visiting Nurse Association, resigned. Miss Margaret Keady, a public health nurse with qualifications that met the standards of the three agencies, was appointed in September.

3. From time to time throughout the year the Board of Health has discussed fluoridation of the public water supply, and one of its members is on the Committee appointed by the Moderator in 1954 to study and report on this project. All of the evidence that has appeared during the current year has further strengthened and confirmed the safety and efficacy of this practice as an important and economic public health measure calculated to reduce dental caries in children by sixty percent or more. Confirmation comes especially from the three ten-year studies carried out in Newburgh, New York, — Grand Rapids, Michigan, — and Brantford, Canada, which were completed this year. Children in these towns show absolutely no demonstrable deleterious effects. In the age group receiving greatest benefits from fluoridation, tooth decay is reduced by at least sixty percent. Furthermore, no detectable illness or aggravation of illness in older people has been demonstrated.

4. The Board of Health has consistently adhered to the policies recommended by the State Department of Public Health on the matter of polio vaccination.

5. Further attention has been devoted to the problem of public sewerage. The Board has felt that public sewerage is not a pressing

problem, and there may be alternate methods for providing service for the central part of the town when it becomes necessary. The remoteness of this area from an available metropolitan trunk sewer makes the cost of connection inordinately high.

6. The advantages of an affiliation with other communities for health work was emphasized by the participation of Weston with Wellesley in the conduct of a chest X-ray program, and diabetes screening test project. An independent program in a town the size of Weston would be impracticable.

7. Middlesex County Tuberculosis and Health Association, in cooperation with the Parmenter Health Center in Wayland, has established a chest X-ray clinic available for a number of surrounding communities. The Board of Health voted to participate in this project, and any citizen may, by appointment through the public health nurse, have a chest X-ray at the Parmenter Health Center without cost. This does not require referral by a physician.

The following is a summary of some of the important vital statistics and services of the Board of Health during 1955.

1. There were eighty-three births to Weston residents reported during the year giving a rate of 13.2 per thousand population. This is appreciably lower than the rate for last year, but because of the unpredictable lag in reporting of births from other towns, the actual number and rate may ultimately be higher.

2. Fifty deaths were reported, forty six of these being of residents, giving a corrected rate of 7.3, which is lower than last year, and is favorable. A very high proportion of the deaths occur after the age of sixty, this year the figure being approximately seventy-five percent. There were two deaths under the age of one, and no deaths from infectious causes.

3. The total number of cases of reportable diseases was the highest since 1950, three hundred thirty-eight cases being recorded. Ninety percent of these are accounted for by chicken pox, measles and mumps, all three of which reached epidemic proportions. Measles, with one hundred eighty cases was the highest number on record for a ten year period. Weston almost miraculously escaped having any cases of polio. It is mere speculation, but for a town of its size, even the few cases that have occurred annually for the past nine years may have resulted in an appreciable proportion of the population having acquired a natural immunity, for it is a well established fact that for every clinical case of this disease there are one hundred or more inapparent cases. Wellesley and Needham in contrast have had in proportion to their population much less polio in recent years, and both suffered from the disease in epidemic form.

4. Polio immunization clinics were held in May, and a total of two hundred sixty eight children in the first and second grades were inoculated. These clinics were a joint enterprise between the Board of Health and the School Department. Also physicians, volunteer nurses and lay people assisted us and we now acknowledge our thanks to them. We are waiting for specific instructions from the State Department of Public Health as to the program to be carried out this next spring.

5. There was an average of 8.5 children in attendance at each of the Well Child Conferences held during the year. Thirteen children were vaccinated, seven were given the triple vaccine for diphtheria — tetanus — whooping cough, and nineteen received "booster" doses for these diseases.

6. The combined chest X-ray clinic and diabetes screening survey was referred to previously, and was carried out jointly by Weston and Wellesley. A total of one hundred fifty one X-rays were taken, and eighty two Dreypaks were returned to be tested for sugar. The analysis of the chest X-ray films revealed that one person showed a questionable active tuberculosis, two questionable inactive tuberculosis, one a heart condition, and one a miscellaneous abnormality, all needing further study. Everyone was notified of the findings on the chest plates, and physicians of any person showing need for further diagnostic study received reports. On the diabetes survey, only three persons showed the presence of sugar, and the physicians named by them have been notified. Two have reported back negatives for diabetes.

7. The school dental clinic operated on the same basis as in former years and showed a total of eight hundred five individual services performed which is somewhat less than the number for last year.

The topical application of fluoride has been continued, sixty three children receiving this prophylactic treatment. Fifty four certificates were issued to children on completion of all necessary work.

8. Home construction in Weston remains high and makes a serious demand on the Sanitarian's time for consultation and for final inspection and approval of household sewage disposal installations. In addition to this work the Sanitarian has routinely inspected eating establishments, food stores, drug stores, dairies and pasteurizing plants, and has followed up by inspection and proper action all complaints. Laboratory analysis of milk, the public water supply, the swimming pool water during the season, have all been routine. Due to flood conditions there was an excessive demand for the testing of private well waters.

9. The clinic for the immunization of dogs against rabies was

held as usual in June, and one hundred ninety six dogs were treated. The smaller number of animals inoculated this year is accounted for by the fact that the present vaccine protects for two years. It is important, however, that animals be protected on alternate years.

The Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering reports twenty-two animals inflicting bites on humans were quarantined and released as required by law. No slaughtering was done in the town, and there were no importations of animals requiring the services of the Inspector. The animal census revealed forty-one horses, one goat, one hundred forty-six cows, twelve sheep, and forty-one swine.

10. The total expenditures made under the direction of the Board of Health gave a per capita cost of \$1.11. This does not include the Board of Health share of the public health nurse's salary. Deducting the cost of plumbing inspection, which by all modern standards is not considered a basic health service, the per capita cost is only \$.88. Something should be done to transfer the responsibility for plumbing inspection to the Building Department where it belongs.

REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO COMMISSIONER

Your Commissioner to the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project respectfully requests that you re-read the last several years' reports and then read carefully the quoted report of our superintendent, Mr. Armstrong, which appears below.

These reports substantiate the original findings of the Commission that \$8,000.00 annually is a minimum appropriation under which Weston can expect adequate control operations.

Increased costs of both labor and materials during the past ten years indicate that today an appropriation of \$10,000.00 would not be unreasonable and would speed up the time within which we might reach less expensive maintenance status.

Such an increase in control funds would cost the individual taxpayer annually less than the cost of two of the popular sprays can insecticides and would produce many, many times the desired result — freedom from the nuisance mosquito without damage to useful insect and wild life.

This report is for the interval from Oct. 31, 1954 to Oct. 22, 1955. Mosquito control operations followed the plan of the preceding years limiting most of the spraying to the spring brood of mosquitoes and putting the greater part of the effort into drainage. Most of the previous ditches were cleaned and extensive new drainage was done near Legion Rd. and from Ripley Lane to Cherry Brook. The Highway and

Water Departments supplied power diggers for ditching at Warren Ave. and Ash St. Mr. Ogilvie furnished culvert at the Warren Ave. Project and Mr. Cuneo did the same at Cliff Rd.

As in the previous year considerable mid-winter DDT dusting was done on frozen swamps. This was economical and effective and it permitted a very substantial reduction in the hand spraying in April. With Lincoln and Wayland doing mosquito control Weston received considerable benefit. The Gypsy Moth spray in May helped reduce mosquitoes. In fact there were comparatively few mosquitoes in the town except from man made House Mosquito sources until the hurricane rains. No attempt was made to curtail that brood of mosquitoes.

During the year 12,630 ft. of ditches were cleaned, 9,546 ft. of old ditches reclaimed and 6,069 ft. of new ditch dug. About 750 lbs. of DDT dust was applied in mid-winter and 240 gallons of spray applied by hand in spring and summer. A helicopter sprayed 750 gallons in April. About 5,350 linear ft. of pathways were brushed and 206 ft. of culvert laid.

The expenditures during the interval covered by this report and the budget estimates to mid April 1956 are as follows:—

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$ 6,149.26
Aircraft service	404.40
Insecticide	190.00
Cement	1.15
Office costs	476.09
Supervision, operation, equipment	812.33
Office rental	50.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 8,083.23

AVAILABLE FUNDS

Balance Oct. 31, 1954	\$ 3,611.87
Credit from Lincoln and Wayland	165.50
Appropriation received May 28, 1955	6,500.00
Total	<hr/> \$10,277.37

BALANCE Oct. 22, 1955 \$ 2,194.14

BUDGET ESTIMATES to mid April 1956:

Encumbrance for bills due \$ 378.00

Reserve for operations

to April '56 1,545.80

Total	\$ 1,923.80
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ANTICIPATED BALANCE

in mid April 1956 \$ 270.34

The recommended appropriation for 1956 is \$ 8,000.00

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

There were 182 permits issued as follows:

New residences	111
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Alterations	71
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182

The sum of \$404.00 was collected in fees and the money paid to the Town Treasurer.

Highways and Bridges

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Maintenance:

Damage caused by the recent hurricane Diane consisted mainly of water seeping into cellars in different sections of the Town and of road washouts. At the request of the occupants, heavy duty water pumps supplied by the Highway, Fire and Water Departments were used to drain the water from the cellars. Considerable repair work was required to put the roads back in suitable condition. A few trees weakened by the hurricanes Carol and Edna of 1954 were cut down and removed to the Town Dump.

Roads repaired and resurfaced with bituminous material are as follows:

Ash Street	Lincoln Street	Silver Hill Road
Church Street	Loring Road	Summer Street
Cliff Road	Old Road	Warren Avenue
Conant Road	Pembroke Road	Webster Road
Crescent Street	Pigeon Hill Road	Westland Road
Legion Road		

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

This work consisted of repairing and resurfacing a part of North Avenue on a shared cost basis with Middlesex County and the Department of Public Works each reimbursing the Town for one-third of the total expenditures.

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Work was started on the Conant Road project in May 1955. About one thousand feet of new road was constructed between the Fitchburg Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad and North Avenue. Existing curves were eliminated and the road raised where needed to improve the grade. Drain pipe and catch basins and about four hundred feet of cable guard rail were installed. Two parallel culverts of metal arch-plate type pipe, 73 inches wide, were installed to carry the water of Stony Brook under the new road.

Drainage:

Drainage facilities have been installed in the following roads:

Summer Street	16 feet of 24 inch pipe, 1 catch basin
Merriam Street	56 feet of 18 inch pipe
Old Coach Road	144 feet of 12 inch pipe, 2 catch basins
Sudbury Road	36 feet of 18 inch pipe

Sidewalks:

About fifteen hundred feet of sidewalk was repaired and resurfaced on Church Street.

Recreation:

The Weston Memorial Swimming Pool was drained and cleaned and new sand added.

Special School Building Committee:

The driveway from The Country School to Wellesley Street was resurfaced with class I material by the Highway Department.

New Equipment:

An International three-ton, dump-body type truck was purchased in 1955. A Good Roads snowplow and a sand spreader were bought and installed on the new truck. A small gasoline powered unit with sidewalk plow and sweeper attachments was also purchased.

Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During 1955 the Weston Board of Public Welfare has aided a total of sixty-two individuals and the year ended with forty-five individuals on the Welfare rolls. Though this is a slight increase from last year's figures, the number on Old Age Assistance has increased from twenty-two to twenty-nine and it is anticipated that this number will remain fairly constant. Rising costs, particularly in hospital care, where readjustments have been made to bring the amount paid by the Board of Public Welfare nearer the actual cost to the hospitals, have more than offset any decline in the numbers receiving aid. Nevertheless the net cost of Public Welfare to the Town of Weston was less in 1955 than in 1954. See accompanying tables.

Special stress in 1955 has been placed on the social services given to the recipients, especially to those receiving Old Age Assistance. The needs of older people are being studied more widely year by year and results of intensive studies by Social Workers in the National field are passed on by our agent to local recipients of public assistance.

Members of the Board and most especially the agent are frequently called upon to give information on community and State resources connected with social services. In addition to the routine functions connected with the administration of public assistance, the agent is called upon to work with various organizations, departments and individuals with specific welfare problems in the community.

The members of the Board wish to take this opportunity to thank the various organizations and individuals in Weston for the numerous gifts of money, food and clothing given to needy families during the year through the welfare department.

Mrs. Charles A. Janeway was re-elected to the Board at the annual town meeting in March and Mr. Herbert Crouch was re-elected as Chairman. Mrs. Dorothy S. Hartel continues as Agent and Recording Secretary.

CASE LOAD FOR 1955

Classification	Number of cases	Number of Individuals
Old Age Assistance		
January 1, 1955	24	24
Total Aided During Year	30	30
December 31, 1955	29	29
General Relief		
January 1, 1955	2	2
Total Aided During Year	6	21
December 31, 1955	2	8
Aid to Dependent Children		
January 1, 1955	3	9
Total Aided During Year	3	9
December 31, 1955	3	6
Disability Assistance		
January 1, 1955	2	2
Total Aided During Year	2	2
December 31, 1955	2	2

WESTON BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS — 1955

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Classification	Total Disbursements	Receipts From Federal	Receipts From State	Receipts From Municipalities	Total Receipts	Net Cost To Weston
Administration						
Salaries						
Permanent Emp.	3,572.00					
Temporary Emp.	144.00					
Board Members	150.00					
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Sal. Total	3,866.00					
Other Exp. Total	521.54					
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Adm. Total	4,387.54	1,885.65	97.01		1,982.66	2,404.88
General Relief	3,126.68		1,626.89	66.04	1,692.93	1,433.75
Old Age Assistance	31,006.64	9,036.13	15,590.91	170.90	24,797.94	6,208.70
Aid to Dependent Children	2,619.88	1,377.73	1,374.75		2,752.48	Cr. 132.60
Disability Assistance	1,435.45	717.01	426.40		1,143.41	292.04
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Grand Total	42,576.19	13,016.52 (1)	19,115.96 (2)	236.94 (2)	32,369.42	10,206.77

(1) Credited to Welfare Department for reuse.

(2) Credited to General Town Funds. Not available to Welfare Department for reuse.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1956

	Anticipated Disbursement	Anticipated Federal Grants	Bal. Jan. 1, '56 Federal Grants And Balances	Budget Request
Salaries				
Administrative	4,093.33	1,876.79	1,876.79	2,216.54
Board	150.00			150.00
Administrative				
Expense	609.00	275.10	275.10	324.90
Aid Expense	45,751.00	14,045.00	210.80	31,495.20
Total	50,594.23	16,196.89	210.80	34,186.64

EXPLANATORY NOTES

ANTICIPATED DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE AID EXPENSE

General Relief	3,000.00			3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	36,231.00	11,505.00	174.54	24,551.46
Aid to Dependent Children	4,020.00	1,420.00	3.20	2,596.80
Disability Assistance	2,500.00	1,120.00	33.06	1,346.94
Total Aid	45,751.00	14,045.00	210.80	31,495.20

NOTE: Reimbursements from State and other Municipalities not shown above. Those receipts are credited to General Town Funds and are not available to Welfare Department for reuse. For those amounts received, see "Receipts & Disbursements."

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Although your School Committee ordinarily prefer to remain in the background to allow pupils, teachers, and administrators to share the major portion of public attention which turns toward school affairs, we do feel that the townspeople should know what we do, and why, and how, and should understand better the relationships between our activities and the day-to-day functioning of the schools. When the lights in the corner of Building "A" burn late of a Tuesday night, it means that the Committee is working there on the affairs of the Weston Public Schools. We hold open meetings once a month and welcome any one at these times, but since we have so few visitors, we thought we would use this occasion to tell you about the year 1955 as

A Year in the Life of a School Committee

JANUARY. Most people's new year begins on January 1. Our year began four months ago on the Wednesday after Labor Day and by January we are in high gear, with all parts of the school system running smoothly and students well advanced into their various courses of study. Our annual soul-searching is apt to come in June, but we write our formal report in January, while old plans are maturing and new ones are being formulated.

January is the month in which we finish our work on the budget, submitted last November by our superintendent. We meet to discuss it with the Finance Committee, who have questions and who offer suggestions which are incorporated into (or out of) the budget by mutual consent. Our departmental budget is the largest in the Town, and we must balance the financial requirements of a first-class educational program against the ability of the taxpayers to support it. Another regular January activity is the semi-annual review of administrators' ratings of the teaching staff. We are particularly interested in the progress our new teachers are making. This year something new is brewing, a revision of the evaluation procedure. Weston has had a merit salary policy since 1948 — a rarely practiced but, we think, highly sensible way of awarding salary increases to teachers: according to their performance and not by automatic annual increases. A committee of teachers has been working since October with the superintendent and the principals in an attempt to develop a system of merit rating which will identify more accurately the truly outstanding teacher and at the same time indicate specifically how each teacher can improve his work. We have had a couple of progress reports, and so far it looks good.

We are already studying our staff needs for the opening of school

in September (1955, that is). The budget calls for five additional teachers, and of course we expect some resignations. Each year it seems necessary to begin looking earlier for new teachers so that we can keep ahead of competing school systems. The administrators began their round of interviews at teacher training institutions this year on December 2.

Increasing the supply of good teachers is everybody's problem, and we have been invited by Harvard University to participate in a project which will attack the general situation as well as help us locally. Next fall we shall join with Belmont, Brookline, Concord, Newton, and Winchester in training teacher interns, highly selected liberal arts graduates, most of whom will come from the ten Massachusetts colleges which are also supporting the program. We expect to hire two of the twenty pairs of interns, each pair in place of a new teacher and under the direct supervision of one of our regular teachers. One intern of a pair will teach in the fall, the other in the spring, and each will take graduate professional courses in the off semester. Each will receive \$150 less than one-half the usual beginning salary of \$2900, and the supervising teacher will be paid \$300 for the year.

On a Saturday morning this month we meet the Planning Board and other committees to consider plans for long-range development of the Town. We are also keeping an eye on the Techbuilt development on the north side of Town to see what effect it may have on our need for future schools.

The Parent Teacher Association successfully overcomes the lure of a January fireside with a lively meeting at which some of us and members of the staff get a lot of exercise by fielding questions tossed from the audience. It is a good meeting — we think this sort of thing is valuable.

FEBRUARY. Normally a quiet month, 1955's February dumps a nightmarish problem in the lap of the School Committee, and is otherwise notable in more pleasant ways.

Several boys are responsible for bringing alarming quantities of ammunition, fire arms, and other weapons into the high school. Subsequent investigations, disciplinary actions, and publicity keep everyone on edge for several weeks, but the affair simmers down and there are no further lapses of good conduct among the participants.

On Valentine's Day, The Country School is opened with no fuss, but with great pleasure and appreciation for the opportunity of using a magnificent educational facility. The first grade teachers will never forget the little group who took off their shoes and entered with great care to avoid marking up the new floors. Many awards have been received by the school, and school building experts here and from abroad have made much of it.

The basketball team has won the league championship and some of our young violinists play on closed-circuit TV for the Eastern Music Educators Conference.

We have met four times this month, which is somewhat more than our quota. Mrs. Wysham's and Mrs. Price's resignations are accepted with regret and Miss Elliott is employed to replace one of them. At one of our meetings we spend an hour and a half with a group of seventh grade parents who want to discuss aspects of the high school program.

MARCH. Town Meeting holds the spotlight for us this month, because our 1955 budget comes to a vote, but we also attend a budget hearing, a PTA meeting, the Country School dedication, and an induction ceremony for our new Carl T. Rhoades chapter of the National Honor Society.

At the request of the Finance Committee our telephone service is surveyed, and we receive the report that we are subscribing to the most economical type of service on each telephone and extension, and that we do not have too many telephones.

Following the appropriation of funds by the Town we vote to adopt our budget (\$470,605) and hold our annual reorganization meeting. Dr. Bayles is elected chairman and Mrs. Nichols is re-elected secretary. Mr. Brooks takes his place on the Committee to replace Mr. Gambrill who has retired after six years of faithful and constructive service.

After comparing our graduation and promotion requirements with other towns we find that we require more credits for graduation (85) than any town in the state, but we decide to stiffen promotion requirements into grades ten, eleven, and twelve from 15, 35, and 60 credits to 16, 37, and 63.

During the course of a couple of very busy meetings (in addition to holding our breaths for the seniors, most of whom take the March series of college exams) we also:

- - meet the teachers' Personnel Committee to (a) talk about possible salary increases, and (b) receive a preliminary report on the new evaluation procedure. Later we decide to hold the line on salaries.

- - vote to elect Mr. DeRusha head teacher of the seventh grade when it moves into Building "A" next fall

- - agree to cooperate with the Board of Health in the administration of the Salk polio vaccine

- -congratulate our basketball team on winning the Eastern Massachusetts Class "D" championship

- -learn the results of a survey of parent and pupil interest in a free summer school in Newton, which is a training ground for the interns we shall employ next fall

-- concur in Mr. Mueller's recommendation that graduation be held outdoors so that more people can attend

-- accept the June resignations of Miss Glore, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Storek, and Mrs. Tilly

-- elect Mrs. Fedden and Miss Kenny for September.

APRIL. Miss Ackerman, Mr. Coyle, and Mrs. Payne have resigned. Mrs. Williams and Miss Wolcott have been elected. We still need nine more teachers for next fall and the box score balance gets worse each month.

April 15 is the legal deadline before which teachers not on tenure (permanent position status after fourth consecutive election) must be notified if they are not to be re-elected. Each teacher's record of performance is scrutinized by the School Committee before re-elections are voted and salaries set for next fall.

The annual science fair is unusually successful this year, especially since Blake Foster and Frederick Johnson subsequently win two of the twelve state first prizes against public, private, and parochial school competition. Eighty of our string players participate in a tri-city concert festival in Medford. The New England School Development Council holds a handwriting conference in The Country School, with 130 people in attendance from all the six states. Mrs. Tinker, our own handwriting supervisor, is the conference chairman.

In accordance with our past practice we adopt the 1955-56 school calendar this month. We also agree to lease two basement rooms in Building "C" to Wayland for a year, and we investigate the insurance protection a child might have if he were injured by an automobile on the school driveways, which are private ways.

MAY. We have a problem, and we discuss it with the Finance Committee and the Selectmen. We are behind schedule in procuring next fall's staff. Some new teachers are declining their elections and likely candidates are going where they can get higher salaries. Salaries in many nearby towns now exceed Weston's. After a series of meetings it is agreed that starting salaries shall be raised \$300 and maximum salaries \$200, with all teachers at intermediate stages receiving proportional increases. The teachers' salary schedule is now as follows, effective September, 1955:

Minima	AB	MA	MA + 30 units
Women	\$3200	\$3300	\$3400
Men	\$3400	\$3500	\$3600
Maxima			
Women	\$5200	\$5400	\$5600
Men	\$5400	\$5600	\$5800
Supermaximum	\$400		

Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Rockett, and Mr. Young submit resignations, and Miss Hoerner, Mrs. MacCartney, and Mr. O'Rourke are elected. At the end of the month Mrs. Dawson is elected, and Miss Joslyn and Mrs. White are elected as a pair of interns. Now we need seven teachers.

We meet with the Planning Board to learn of their proposal to provide basic long-range data for other Town committees, and we also inform them of our latest estimates of the need for more sites and schools (1959).

May is a month of culminations second only to June. The musical organizations are rehearsed until they are as near perfection as their maturity allows, and we enjoy a spring concert — in two sections this year, because we have grown and because the Country School auditorium is smaller than the Town Hall. The band and the orchestra play at the Beverly Audition Festival and receive high ratings. The PTA holds its annual meeting. We receive, discuss, and approve with minor changes the new evaluation procedure for teachers which will go into effect next fall. We entertain all the teachers and secretaries at an afternoon tea.

JUNE. Graduation is always impressive, although unfortunately the rain forced this year's ceremony into the gymnasium. In the evening we stand in the receiving line at the unusually colorful Prom and watch the dancing afterwards.

We approve plans for the new organization of grades seven and eight which will next fall be in separate buildings for the first time, with separate faculties, and we also go through the difficult and involved process of awarding new contracts for September. Next fall there will be eleven buses operating in the morning and seven in the afternoon. 82% of our students ride the buses.

At our June 9 meeting we receive the resignation of Miss Richards, who has been school nurse since 1942. We also have resignations from Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Kelley, and Mrs. Thompson. We keep even by hiring Miss Allen, Mrs. Munro, and Miss Simpson and Miss Walton as an intern pair. On June 22 Mr. Huddleston resigns, but we elect Mr. Ham and Mr. Harris. On June 24 we elect Miss Stiles, leaving five unfilled fall vacancies.

JULY. On July 8 we hire Mrs. Howe, Mr. Humez, and Mrs. Wollny, finally breaking the back of our staff problems. On July 13 Mr. Scott, who has been awaiting formal election as elementary supervisor in the Bolton-Carlisle-Harvard-Littleton-Stow union, wires his resignation from Scotland, but Mr. Gross has already lined up Mrs. Martin, whom we elect immediately. On June 27 we elect Miss Gesiak. One position still vacant. Miss Keady is elected school nurse on July 19.

We file a series of complicated reports with the State Department of Education, giving our school year statistics. Our state reimbursement is based on the school year totals rather than the calendar year figures we report to the town. From these amounts we also compute the high school tuition rates we shall charge for the next school year. While our gross expenditure per pupil tends to rise somewhat each year, the net dollar cost per pupil has held steady for the last four years at \$297, \$286, \$299, \$298. The net cost per pupil adjusted to reflect the rise in the cost of living has been substantially unchanged since 1946.

AUGUST. Mr. Hill is elected on August 9, completing our staff. Seventeen teachers have resigned since the first of the year, and twenty-four teachers (including four interns) have accepted elections to fill twenty-two positions. We shall have 68 teachers on our staff this fall.

On August 29 Miss Elliott resigns and Mrs. Morehead is elected to fill her position.

There is a lot of talk and a lot of worry about polio, but on the recommendation of the Board of Health we vote not to delay the opening of school.

SEPTEMBER. We have had several discussions and some phone calls about the polio epidemic. We now quote from our September 3 minutes: "It was voted that the opening of school be postponed from September 7 to September 19. This action was taken because of general public pressure and because nearly all school committees in the Greater Boston area delayed the opening of school in the face of the continuing incidence of poliomyelitis."

An all-day orientation meeting for teachers new to Weston is held as usual this year. Besides receiving instructions and advice from the supervisors and teachers of special subjects they are given teachers' handbooks, specially prepared by committees of teachers for this purpose.

During this month we also:

- vote to pay the tuition and transportation expenses of three mentally retarded pupils to Waltham

- receive a report showing that, while nationally enrollments are down markedly in mathematics and science, the percentage of our high school (grades 9-12) students taking science has dropped from 79% to 75% since 1948, and the percentage taking mathematics has increased from 54% to 88% over the same period

- learn that Mr. Stubbins and Mr. Gross have been asked to collaborate on an article about The Country School for *The American School and University*

- consider and table a proposal to make accident insurance available to students at their own expense

- are glad to hear that no detentions at all were issued the opening week of school

- are pleased to know that of our 26 June graduates going to college, 23 entered the institution of their first choice, and that 12 of the 52 graduates received an aggregate of \$6,770 in scholarship aid

- vote to employ an additional half-time custodian.

Miss Walton and Mrs. White, two of our four interns. are resigning, so Miss Simpson and Miss Joslyn will teach these two classes in the fall while two replacement spring interns are sought.

OCTOBER. We have a number of things on our collective mind this month as we:

- learn that the October 1 (official reference date) enrollment was 1435, up 122 from a year ago, and more than double 1947's 698

- meet with all other official town boards and committees to hear a report from Allen Benjamin, the Planning Board's expert consultant

- vote additional compensation at \$5 per afternoon to several teachers who coach afternoon sports on top of a full teaching load

- approve an expanded sports schedule which provides facilities and supervision at least two afternoons a week for every pupil above grade 3

- are frustrated to realize that again this fall insufficient work has been done on the new girls' athletic field to make it usable before 1957

- vote to make up only one of the eight days lost because of the polio epidemic

- confirm the discharge of a custodian and elect a new one

- accept Miss Joslyn's resignation as of the end of the month, abolish that internship position, authorize Mr. Gross to seek a regular teacher for the position, and elect Miss Storrs to follow Miss Simpson in January in the remaining internship

- direct the superintendent to investigate a new law providing for \$4500 per year reimbursement for a "school adjustment counselor" to determine whether the present program of the Human Relations Advisory Service can be adapted to include such a position

- note that Dr. Richmond Holder is now the psychiatrist provided by the Wellesley Human Relations Service for our H.R.A.S. program

- receive the superintendent's new enrollment prediction based on the October, 1955 school census 1538 for September, 1956)

- discuss the acquisition of a site or sites for additional elementary classrooms in 1959

- ask for information on the cost of heating and lighting the Country School auditorium to determine whether the present charge of \$10 plus custodian's fee for its use should be raised

- go to the PTA dinner-dance

—note that the new bus schedule went smoothly into operation on October 10

— approve the lowering of milk prices from 5 cents to 3 cents in the high school and 4 cents in the elementary schools in order to continue to qualify for state and federal reimbursement under somewhat simplified, but still complicated, new regulations

— accept with thanks the gift of raincoats for safety patrol boys from the Weston Rotary Club

— decide not to allow classroom time to be taken in the high school for a telephone company assembly demonstrating the proper use of the new dial equipment

— keep a watchful eye on the expenditure of 1955 funds

— discuss the apportionment of the nurse's time among school and community duties

— receive a report on a series of programs on fire prevention conducted in cooperation with the Fire Department.

NOVEMBER. Mrs. Hunter is elected to teach a grade four class, and we think there should be no more vacancies at least until spring.

We invite the teachers of grade seven in to talk over the new organization of that grade and to assess the instructional program being carried on. We also meet with the Planning Board, the Selectmen, and representatives of the Finance Committee to lay groundwork for the acquisition of sites for an elementary school or schools, and to consider the timing of the appointment of a new building committee.

The high school staff holds a very successful open house on the order of a "back-to-school night." We hope that the parents who attended benefitted because we feel that parents should know as much as possible about the program of the schools. In the same category is the PTA meeting produced by elementary school teachers and students on the topic, "How Do We Teach Reading?" Parents who perhaps did not realize that phonics is used as an integral part of teaching reading all through the grades were surprised to learn that most children at the end of the first grade can unlock phonetically such new words as *butterfly*, *disintegrate*, *understanding*, *Monadnock*, *Cadillac*, and *mustard*.

On this fall's standardized tests, given annually in certain grades, we learn that our intermediate grade pupils scored as follows on the reading portion:

Grade	National Grade Norms	Weston Grade Medians
IV	4.1	5.1
V	5.1	6.1
VI	6.1	7.4

which shows that our sixth graders for example are reading one year and three months beyond national averages.

We begin discussing the first draft of our 1956 budget.

DECEMBER. Mr. Gross resigns effective sometime next February to take a position in New York state. We immediately begin looking for a replacement so that continuity can be maintained in the superintendency.

There is a special Town Meeting this month which we attend to explain our request for an additional appropriation of \$1675 for salaries. This is to pay for the unbudgeted increase in teachers' salaries last May, although we expect that money not spent in other categories will keep us within our total budget.

We receive several reports this month, all pointing to the excellent academic performance of our students:

—every high school in the nation - public, private, and parochial - was permitted to enter 5% of its seniors in competition for the 250 new National Merit Scholarships supported by Carnegie, Ford, and other foundations. All three of our students, Judith Anderson, Marian Larkin, and Judith Wetzel, passed the first examination, which narrowed the national field to 4,000. No other high school in the state achieved this 100% preliminary success

— the percentage of students who earn a listing on our local honor roll is increasing

— Peter Manson won a national second prize of \$80 this year in the Ford Company's Industrial Arts Awards program

—Frederick Johnson won the national first prize of \$100 in the Future Scientists of America contest sponsored by the American Society for Metals

— a ten year study of our College Entrance Examination Board results shows better achievement in the last five years than in the first five. Over the period 1946-1955, Weston students were, on the average in the top 32% of all those taking the examinations. By subject field they ranked:

English	top 33%
French	top 26%
Social Studies	top 36%
Chemistry	top 35%
Physics	top 14%
Mathematics	top 14%
All achievement tests	top 32%

From 1946-1950 they ranked in the top 36%, but during 1951-1955 they rose to the top 22%.

We engage Hugh Stubbins and his consulting engineer to investigate for us the suitability of the two sites which we have reserved tentatively for future schools.

Wheelock College, which ranks high on our list, approaches us with a new plan for training elementary school teachers. Next year they would select thirty liberal arts graduates for admission to their graduate school. In the fall, fifteen would be assigned to supervising teachers in Weston, and fifteen to the Shady Hill School in Cambridge. The two groups would switch schools at mid-year. Some of the details provide for the assignment of a full-time Wheelock staff member as a supervisor at each training school, for tuition-free graduate courses to our participating teachers, and for limited teaching opportunities at Wheelock for members of our staff. It seems to us that this provides an unusual means of keeping our regular staff up to date and on its toes as well as giving us a rather special hunting preserve for new teachers. We are favorably disposed at this point.

The teachers' Personnel Committee meets with us to develop an idea for setting up a Weston Committee on Education to discuss the national and local importance of two items from the agenda of last month's White House Conference on Education: (1) "How Can We Get Enough Good Teachers — And Keep Them?," and (2) "How Can We Obtain a Continuing Public Interest in Education?" We discuss this further among ourselves and late in the month write letters to the presidents or chairmen of all Town organizations inviting them to send one representative each to consider these topics during four meetings in February and March. Although we are favored in Weston in many respects, we cannot always escape the feeling that the ice gets thinner under our feet as the nation's supply of teachers, let alone good teachers, dwindles year by year.

Our budget comes out even this year. It always does, but in 1955 we have spent 470,091 of a \$470,605 original appropriation, which is the closest we have come for some years.

We attend the Win, Lose, or Draw dinner sponsored by the Boosters Club and the Rotary Club, and we also enjoy the annual high school play. A program of beautiful Christmas music in the high school climaxes a year in which we have held 34 formal meetings, in addition to our attendance at numerous joint meetings, informal discussions, and school functions. As we implied at the beginning of our report, December does not leave us with a sense of completion, but it does provide an opportunity for us to assess our work in mid-course with simultaneous backward and forward glances.

We know that this year's report has been longer than usual, but we hope that it will have succeeded in conveying to interested patrons of the schools some of the flavor and a sense of the unending variety of our work in seeking to provide the sort of education the Town wants for its children.

We cannot close without a word of farewell and thanks to Mr. Gross, who as our Superintendent since 1951 has worked so tirelessly and fruitfully in the interests of our schools. We shall miss his wise, patient and friendly counsel. We wish him well.

COSTS

Item	Spent			Budget	
	1953	1954	1955	1956	Increase
Salaries	\$271,430	\$305,727	\$352,212	\$403,445	\$51,233
Other Expenses	60,869	71,802	78,155	88,180	10,025
Transportation	31,111	32,473	34,201	38,890	4,689
Miscellaneous Items .	4,893	5,340	5,523	5,775	252
Total	\$368,303	\$415,342	\$470,091	\$536,290	\$66,199

Cost per pupil in average membership in year ending in June .	\$335	\$351	\$356	\$367 approx.
Net cost per pupil after deducting receipts and credits (see below) ..	\$286	\$299	\$298	

RECEIPTS AND CREDITS

	1953	1954	1955
1. School Funds and State Aid for Public Schools in accordance with Chapter 70, General Laws ..	\$16,890.54	\$20,790.54	\$28,915.54
2. State reimbursement on account of transportation, Section 7A, Chapter 70 of the General Laws	24,415.74	24,882.68	26,931.90
3. Tuition	11,126.42	14,690.00	19,027.50
4. State reimbursement for tuition paid Vocational Schools ..	177.65	94.15	249.83
5. Miscellaneous Rental, telephone, lost and damaged books, etc.	769.45	779.26	1,600.38
TOTALS	\$53,379.80	\$61,236.63	\$76,725.15

STAFF

Fall, 1955

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Dr. Calvin E. Gross	Superintendent	1951
Mr. Julius H. Mueller, Jr.	Principal, High School	1945

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Miss Thelma R. Caram	Commercial Subjects	1951
Mr. Robert J. Carini	Geometry, Algebra, Coaching	1946
Miss Elizabeth P. Cobb	Home Economics	1932
Mr. Charles K. Cummings, Jr.	Guidance Director, Modern Problems	1942
Mr. Henry W. DeRusha	English	1948
Miss Irene W. Gesiak	Science	1955
Mrs. Anita M. Gorman	Mathematics	1954
Miss Helen B. Green	Mathematics	1916
Mr. Richard W. Ham	Biology, French, Science	1955
Mr. George R. Harris	Physical Education	1955
Mr. George J. Hill	History, Geography	1955
Miss Anne B. Hoerner	English	1955
Mrs. Rosamond C. Howe	English, Mathematics, Science, Geography	1955
Mr. Paul R. Humez	Physics, Basic Electricity, Algebra	1955
Miss Elizabeth Hunter	English, Social Studies	1951
Mrs. Signe B. Hynson	Librarian	1954
Miss Mildred L. Marble	Science	1930
Mr. Martin Martinian	Latin, History	1954
Miss Eleanor J. Mastin	Latin, French	1950
Miss Claire C. McDonough	Social Studies, English	1951
Mr. Charles F. Medford	Mathematics, Human Relations	1947
Mr. Paul M. Mitchell	English	1952
Mrs. Dorothy A. Mula	Physical Education	1953
Mrs. Jean T. Munro	Music	1955
Mr. Malcolm C. Oliver	Industrial Arts	1949
Miss Alice M. Olliff	Supervisor of Art	1949
Mr. Wendell B. Phillips	Supervisor of Music	1952
Mr. John S. Proctor	Dean of Students	1934
Mr. Wallace W. Sawyer	Asst. Principal, Chemistry	1931
Miss Barbara C. Stiles	Geography	1955
Mr. Aimo H. Teittinen	Industrial Arts	1939
Mrs. Theresa M. Zamprogno	French	1946
Mr. John W. Zorn	English	1940
Mr. Thomas H. McFarlin	Principal, Elementary Schools	1944
Mrs. Marjorie O. Burrill	Elementary Supervisor	1945
Mrs. Alma E. Andrews	Kindergarten	1942
Mrs. Ruth S. Spicer	Kindergarten	1949
Mrs. Catherine L. Devereaux	Grade 1	1948
Mrs. Bettie M. Herzog	Grade 1	1953
Mrs. Marjorie D. Morehead	Grade 1	1955
Miss Charlotte J. Sharp	Grade 1	1953
Mrs. Lucy D. Tinker	Grade 1	1929

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Miss Nancy Allen	Grade 2	1955
Mrs. Marguerite G. Kelleher	Grade 2	1954
Miss Olive V. Kenney	Grade 2	1955
Mrs. Dorothy L. Mitchell	Grade 2	1953
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Urschel	Grade 2	1954
Mrs. Lee L. Williams	Grade 2	1955
Mrs. Frances F. Dawson	Grade 3	1955
Mrs. Lucile S. French	Grade 3	1954
Miss Helen U. Kennedy	Grade 3	1948
Miss Ruth S. McKinley	Grade 3	1954
Miss Katherine A. O'Hearn	Grade 3	1948
Miss Patricia Wolcott	Grade 3	1955
Mrs. Regina J. Hunter	Grade 4	1955
Mrs. Sharon L. MacCartney	Grade 4	1955
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin	Grade 4	1955
Miss Barbara Mitchell	Grade 4	1948
Mrs. Caroline A. Wollny	Grade 4	1955
Mrs. Kathleen L. Ehlers	Grade 5	1954
Mrs. Joyce T. Fedden	Grade 5	1955
Mr. William J. O'Rourke	Grade 5	1955
Miss Florence Rowley	Grade 5	1938
Mrs. Julia C. Tapley	Grade 5	1953
Mr. Laurence H. Bramhall	Grade 6	1951
Mrs. Victoria B. Foley	Grade 6	1954
Mrs. Lena C. McGann	Grade 6	1936
Miss Beverly Simpson	Grade 6	1955
Mrs. Ruth S. Beamish	Remedial	1946
Mr. Robert W. Starmer	Physical Education	1952
Miss Virginia Whitcomb	Physical Education	1953

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS

Name	Position
Dr. David H. Reid	School Physician
Dr. Russell Rowe	School Dentist
Miss Margaret G. Keady	School Nurse
Mrs. Catherine A. Riley	Lunchroom Manager
Mrs. Anne E. Burke	Lunchroom Assistant
Mrs. Nellie L. Foote	Lunchroom Assistant
Mrs. Yvonne M. Jacques	Lunchroom Assistant
Mr. Erlon A. Merrill	Head Custodian
Mr. Everett W. Armstrong	Custodian
Mr. Thomas C. Clarke	Custodian
Mr. Donald R. Davison	Custodian
Mr. William F. MacLeod	Custodian

Mr. George E. Smith	Custodian
Mr. Roy F. Wales	Custodian
Miss Elina M. Florida	Secretary, Weston Elementary School
Mrs. Jean C. Levey	Secretary
Mrs. Mary M. McAvoy	Secretary, The Country School
Mrs. Helene J. Minsky	Secretary, High School
Miss Nancy Van Heest	Secretary, Superintendent's Office

SCHOOL CENSUS OCTOBER 1, 1955
Data gathered by Parent Teacher Association

	Ages 3-5		Ages 5-7		Ages 7-14		Ages 14-16		Age 16 and over		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Public School	15	13	108	127	442	421	71	74	45	37	1353
Private Schools	37	27	8	12	45	46	25	17	22	20	259
Institutions				1	1	1					3
Not in School	82	79	1	2							164
Totals	134	119	117	142	488	468	96	91	67	57	1779

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

1954-1955

	Elementary Including Kindergarten	Junior High	Senior High	Total
Pupils Enrolled				
Boys	448	136	98	682
Girls	427	144	78	649
Total	875	280	176	1331
Non-Resident Pupils	None	25	20	45
Aggregate Attendance	139,484	47,318	29,425	216,227
Average Daily Attendance	801	263	165	1229
Average Number of Days the Public Schools Were Actually in Session	174	180	178	176
Average Membership	872	274	173	1319

TUITION PUPILS — SEPTEMBER 1955

	Lincoln	Sudbury	Wayland	Totals
Grade 9	2			2
Grade 10	26			26
Grade 11	8		1	9
Grade 12	6	1	1	8
	—	—	—	—
	42	1	2	45

This compares with 45 last year, 34 in 1953-54, 34 in 1952-53 and 36 in 1951-52.

The tuition rates in the high school for 1955-56 are \$356 for the 9th grade, and \$464 for grades 10 through 12.

Class of 1955

Fifty-two members of the Class of 1955 were awarded their diplomas at impressive exercises on Thursday afternoon, June 9, 1955 in the High School Gymnasium. Originally it had been planned to have the 4 o'clock ceremony take place out-of-doors on the lawn in front of the high school, but inclement weather made it necessary to transfer the exercises to the gymnasium. This is the largest class to graduate in the history of the school. As a matter of fact, it was because of the numbers in the graduating class that the decision was made to shift the place of the exercises, previously held in the Town Hall, to the high school setting, thereby making it possible to accommodate comfortably all parents, and friends of the graduates as well as all townspeople who cared to attend.

The class developed its graduation program around the topic "One Hundred Years of Secondary School Education in Weston". Two members of the class presented original essays on the topic, the first speaker reviewing the past 100 years of Weston High School, while the second speaker speculated as to the future of secondary education in the next 100 years. The main address was given by Mr. Francis G. Goodale, Moderator of the Town of Weston, who chose as his topic "The Price of Freedom".

Mr. John G. Brooks of the School Committee presented diplomas to the graduates. The roster of graduates is as follows:

Jean Lois Anderson	David Bennett Cahill
Linda Lee Anderson	Dean Morrison Cahill
‡Amelia Joan Argento	Corinne Marie Carlough
Donald Knowlton Bassett	Russell Herbert Chamberlin
James Alan Beckman	Elizabeth Ann Cole
‡‡Joanna Hill Blake	‡Roger Eastman Condit
Margaret Louise Bryant	Ellen Jo Connolly

Robert Walter Conrad	Frank L. Morse, Jr.
Jacqueline Dallas Corbiere	‡Peter Sherburne Morton
Marguerite Dallas Corbiere	Irene Mary Olson
David Winslow Drowne	Thomas Michael O'Toole
‡John Charles Ferries	Carol Jean Palmgren
**‡Judith Ann Ferries	Sarah Eleanor Perkins
Darleen Greene	Kenneth Augustus Roy
Robert Louis Harnish	Marilyn Merle Sinclair
Frank Lee Hitchcock	Stephen Spooner
Frances Howell	Patricia Louise Stevens
Mary Judith Kirwan	Richard Merritt Stockbridge
Donald H. Lambert	Claora Elizabeth Styron
Gail Luther	Mary Margaret Sullivan
Elizabeth Huntington McNeil	*‡Andrew Lex Taylor
Daniel David MacDonald	Sylvia Elin Tilly
Russell Lyle Mailman	Janet Ann Tomlinson
‡George Martens	Edmund Trowbridge
Arthur William Mason	Philip M. Upham
Allen Gregory Metcalfe	Richard Irving White

†First Honors *Second Honors **Third Honors ‡National Honor Soc.

As their gift to the school the Class of 1955 presented a very fine Crown Graphic camera complete with carrying case and accessories. As other recent classes to graduate have done, the Class of 1955 also made a substantial contribution, comprising unexpended balances from the Class Treasury and the 1955 Yearbook project, to the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund.

Scholarships and Prizes

Scholarships and prizes awarded to members of the graduating class and others were as follows:

The Women's Community League of Weston Scholarships were awarded to the following girls in the Class of 1955: Judith Ann Ferries and Joanna Hill Blake, both of whom are now in their freshman year at Smith College; Frances Howell, who is attending Lasell Junior College; Gail Luther, who is attending Fisher Junior College; Claora Elizabeth Styron, now a freshman at Royal Victoria College of McGill University; and Sylvia Elin Tilly, who is continuing her education at Jackson College.

The David A. Perry Memorial Scholarship Awards were presented to Frances Howell, '55 and Stephen Spooner, '55 who is in his freshman year at M.I.T.

The Horace S. Sears Scholarships were presented to the following boys: Robert Gerald Wilson, '54 who is continuing his studies at Babson Institute; Frank C. Healey, '52 who is in his junior year at

Boston University, School of Public Relations and Communications; Julius H. Mueller, 3rd, '51 who is now in his first year at Boston University Medical School; and William D. Storey, '51 who is a Junior at Babson Institute.

The Charles J. Paine Scholarship was awarded to Thomas Michael O'Toole, '55 who is continuing his education at M.I.T.

The special prize award of \$100 given annually by the Women's Community League of Weston to that girl in the graduating class who by virtue of her leadership, character, and scholarship has contributed the most to the senior class was awarded to Judith Ann Ferries, '55.

The Weston High School Alumni Association Award given annually to the highest ranking member of the graduating class was presented to Joanna Hill Blake, '55.

The Weston Post No. 214 American Legion Prize of \$10 for the senior writing the best examination on the Constitution of the United States was won by Joanna Hill Blake, '55.

There was a tie for the award for the second best examination on the Constitution of the United States, given annually by the American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 214, and duplicate prizes of \$5 each were presented to John Charles Ferries, '55 and Andrew Lex Taylor, '55.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Certificate was awarded to Judith Ann Ferries, '55.

The Theodore Chandler Memorial Awards given annually by the Weston Boosters Club to the boy and girl in the graduating class who exemplify to the highest degree the three qualities of athletic ability, scholarship, and school spirit were presented to Judith Ann Ferries, '55 and her twin brother, John Charles Ferries, '55.

This year the Weston Post No. 214 American Legion gave four Special Educational Awards of \$50 each, instead of the two \$100 awards given in previous years. These awards made annually to members of the graduating class and to former graduates for qualities of character, worthiness, scholarship, and for service rendered to the school, were presented to the following: Sarah Eleanor Perkins, '55 now in her freshman year at the University of New Hampshire; Sylvia Elin Tilly, '55 now attending Jackson College; Robert Gerald Wilson, '54 who is continuing his education at Babson Institute; and Robert Allen Mosher, '52 who is in his senior year at Brown University.

Winners of the 1955 Sears Essay Contest conducted annually in accordance with the terms of the will of Horace S. Sears were:

First Prize	David Winslow Drowne, '55
Second Prize	Claora Elizabeth Styron, '55
Third Prizes	John Charles Ferries, '55
	Peter Sherburne Morton, '55
	Andrew Lex Taylor, '55

The general topic of this years Sear's Essay was "What Should Be The Foreign Trade Policy of the United States"? After a six weeks' period of study of the general topic in both senior English and Modern Problems classes, some twenty seniors elected to participate in the contest writing where the specific topic was "The United States Should Gradually Reduce The Average United States Tariff Rate by 50 Percent".

The Harvard Prize Book Award given annually on behalf of the Harvard Club of Boston to that boy in the Junior Class who exemplifies outstanding qualities of scholarship and character as judged by classmates and members of the faculty was presented to David W. Donaldson of the Class of 1956.

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Construction was substantially completed in the South Wing of the Country School early in 1955, and on Valentine's Day, February 14, following the Winter recesss, eleven classes from Grade I through IV officially occupied this area.

Work on the remainder of the school was completed a month later and on Sunday, March 27, 1955, formal dedication exercises were held followed by an Open House and tour of the building. At the dedication exercises, the Chairman of the School Building Committee officially presented the building to the Selectmen who in turn presented it to the School Committee. Several hundred persons witnessed this ceremony.

Over 2,000 people, including many architects and educators, visited and toured the school and examined its facilities. Refreshments were provided by the Parent Teacher Association.

As of September, 1955, the North Wing classrooms also were occupied. All of the facilities were then in use, except for a section of the outside play area reserved for a baseball field, which section was and still is restricted until the grass can be developed properly.

The final adjusted general contract price was \$975,152.01. This amount plus the cost of equipping and furnishing the school, is well within the total amount voted by the Town at the special town meeting held on December 15, 1952.

REPORT OF THE WESTON WAR MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

The Weston War Memorial Educational Fund was established by vote of the Town at the annual town meeting of March 23, 1953. The purpose of the Fund is "to assist and advance the post-secondary education of graduates of the Weston High School."

Since its establishment with the principal sum of \$1,649.34, the Fund has shown steady growth, so that accumulated principal has now reached the sum of \$2,894.32.

Gifts to the Fund during the year totaled \$669.92 and were received from the following sources:

Carl deSuze Program sponsored by	
W. H. S. Alumni Association	\$210.65
Class of 1905	100.00
Class of 1955	359.27

Accrued income now amounts to \$149.40.

The Committee is grateful to the above groups for their contributions and for the efforts made in behalf of this scholarship fund. It is only through such gifts that this Fund can be enlarged.

Scholarship grants from this source naturally cannot be made until the invested funds reach the point where they produce an annual income of several hundred dollars. The Committee hopes that during the ensuing year many individuals and other groups in the community will be disposed to contribute to the Fund.

Those wishing to make gifts to the Fund, or desiring further information about it, are invited to communicate with the secretary of the committee at Weston High School.

Libraries

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The year 1955 was again a year of greater service to the townspeople in many respects, including increases in the number of hours both the adult and children's departments are open to the public.

There were again substantial increases in the circulation of books in both departments in 1955. It is worthy of mention that over the five years 1951—1955 the circulation of books has increased about 60 percent. We are also glad to report a very substantial increase in the circulation of our music records. The popularity of this service has been apparent ever since it was begun a few years ago.

Many new borrowers were added in both departments. The staff is planning a complete re-registration of borrowers, which has not been done for several years and will furnish up-to-date information concerning the users of the library.

We concluded that the nature and volume of the activities of the children's department required the services of a full time assistant children's librarian. We accordingly created that position and appointed to it Miss Linda K. Babb, of Rutherford, New Jersey, a 1955 graduate of the Simmons College School of Library Science. The present full time staff of the library in the adult department is the librarian, an assistant librarian and cataloguer, and a library assistant; and in the children's department the children's librarian and an assistant children's librarian. The staff of the library also includes a number of assistants and pages who work part-time as needed, and our janitor.

During the year 1000 adult books and 784 children's books were added to the library's collection, and 391 books were discarded. The collection now comprises 39,920 volumes.

The activities of the library in connection with the schools in Weston continued in increased measure during the year. Miss Babb has been placed in charge of the elementary school library usage program, which is in effect during the school year. Reference facilities for pupils in the schools have been improved by the acquisition of new editions of various encyclopedias. A change of the junior high school to a location where there is no school library has resulted in a greater demand on our facilities by the junior high school pupils.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Henry Davenport and Mr. Howe Derbyshire for placing many very fine photographs on display at the library, and again to the Weston Garden Club for supplying flowers.

Many items in maintenance and improvement of the building and equipment were carried out. Chief of these was a long desired remodelling of the main desk in the adult department, which enables two persons to work comfortably at it simultaneously and otherwise greatly promotes the efficiency of operations.

The staff and the trustees again took part in the activities of many library organizations such as the American Library Association, the Massachusetts Library Association, the Charles River Library Club, head librarians and children's librarians groups, and the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association.

Recreation

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The program of the Weston Recreation Commission during 1955 has continued substantially the same as in the past, with the notable addition of the installation of the filtering and circulating system at the Weston Memorial Swimming Pool. The magnitude of this project and the benefits to the users of the pool placed it as the major activity of the Commission.

At the annual Town Meeting in March, Mrs. Alison B. Powers was elected for a three-year term and Mr. Frank Hitchcock was elected for a two-year term.

At an organization meeting Mr. Karl Adams, Jr. was elected Chairman, Mr. Harry C. Crawford, Jr., Treasurer and Mrs. Miriam W. Hutchinson, Secretary.

Pool. The Weston Memorial Pool opened as scheduled on June 21st. The total number of badges sold amounted to 2412. The attendance including repeats, amounted to 22,908. There was a marked decline in pool attendance from the eighth week until the closing date due to the polio epidemic in the surrounding communities.

The Commission was fortunate in having such a competent staff supervising the pool. Mr. John Proctor, director for all recreation activities, Mr. Robert Starmer, pool supervisor, Mr. John Kelley, John Ferries, Ronald Darroch, Helen Green, Patricia Thurston, and Arthur Perry.

The season ran eleven weeks from June 21st through Labor Day September 5th. The hours were from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Classes for all levels of ability were given daily swimming lessons plus a Junior and Senior Life-Saving course. A total of 78 children were passed at the various levels set up by the Red Cross.

Special health and safety precautions were taken with weekly tests made by the Board of Health. The pureness of the water was unquestionable all season.

The filtering system was not installed during the swimming season so no tests could be made this year. The water will be cooler and should be free of all algae as a result of the circulating and spraying system. The appropriation of \$6,000 for the filtering system was voted on by the citizens of the town at the Annual Meeting in March.

Other Summer Activities. The playground program for boys and girls was very successful. The total attendance was 5200 with a daily

average of approximately 70 boys and girls. This is slightly lower than last year due to several factors. The weather was extremely hot all summer and many children were kept at home due to the polio epidemic.

A noticeable trend, both here in Weston and in other communities, is the increasing number of younger children attending the playground. Mr. Henry W. DeRusha was in charge of the playground activities, assisted by Lucy Boyd, Joanna Blake and Peter Holland. The schedule included games of skill for the individual and group team games. The older boys played baseball, softball, tennis, archery. On hot afternoons the younger children enjoyed a story hour. There was one field trip to Benson's Wild Animal Farm. The Stagemobile came to Weston in July and was presented at the Country School Auditorium with a large attendance at the morning and afternoon performances. The Annual Bicycle Safety Program was held under the direction of Officer Cugini. Bicycles were inspected, safety rules demonstrated and ratings presented to the children. The final Field Day August 13th was held indoors due to rain and prizes were awarded for outstanding sportsmanship. Crafts was under the direction of Malcolm Oliver, assisted by Judy Ferries. The attendance for the summer was 1680, considerably higher than last year. The age for entering advanced crafts was raised to eight years of age.

Case House. Movies were presented every Wednesday at the Case House from 7:00 to 8:00 for children through the eighth grade, and from 8:00 to 9:00 for those in the ninth grade and up. The total attendance for the summer was 2173. The teenage group had a variety of events — swimming party, dance, ping-pong and soft-ball game. There was a definite decline in the number of girls attending this year.

Fall, Winter and Spring Activities. Saturday morning programs for boys of all ages continued through the year with soccer and football in the fall and basketball in the winter, and baseball in the spring. The attendance was 100. Adult basketball was played one night a week during the winter months, attended by 30, all that can be accommodated. Woodworking classes for a limited number of men were held in the High School Shop for ten weeks.

Brook Road Play Area. A back stop was erected to keep the balls from rolling onto the street.

Tennis Courts. The tennis courts were repaired at a cost of \$700. This was a temporary measure and it is hoped the Commission will be able to have new courts in 1956.

The Recreation Commission returned to the town \$1,950.25 from the sale of swimming pool badges plus \$204.78 from the sale of craft material.

Conclusion

In considering the cost of recreation to the Town, it is well to take note of the amounts mentioned above which are returned

to the town. Also should be noted the amount paid to other Departments of the Town which increase the budget of the Recreation Commission but improve the position of other Departments. Each year since the opening of the Memorial Pool, the Commission has paid substantial amounts to other Town departments. We realize this is the most economical way to handle these problems for the Town, but we must emphasize it amounts to a large part of our budget.

Plans for the future include the proposed permanent surfacing of the Town tennis courts and, we believe, improved water conditions in the Memorial Pool through the new filter system. The Commission has urged the acquisition of land for Town purposes, particularly for recreation, since its report on this matter to the Planning Board in 1948. The Commission is pleased to see that in some of these congested areas, the problem has been relieved through the setting up of the Town forest, present consideration of developing land for district schools, and consideration of park areas either on a state basis or strictly for Town use.

The Commission commends the Planning Board for its recent studies which have pin-pointed these problems and hopes that more areas will be given to the Town or acquired in the near future.

THOSE PASSED IN SWIMMING TESTS AT MEMORIAL POOL

SUMMER 1955

Beginners

Leslie Barrows	David Helgeson
William Burt	Janet Helgeson
Charles Christopher	John Hutcheson
Larry Corman	Catherine Jarmon
Tris Dammin	David Jarmon
John Davies	Leslie Lawrence
James Derryberry	Bryan Laycoe
Michael Duffy	Robert Laycoe
Andrea Enos	Betty O'Toole
David Evans	Kim Pillsbury
Lee Evans	Peter Revotskie
Nancy Ferranti	Susan Revotskie
Betsy Ferries	Richard Rizzo
Sally Foote	Brian Shaw
Geoffrey Fowler	Kerry Stockbridge
Robert Francis	Kitty Talbot
Stephen Goodale	Townsend Wolf
Betsy Gowell	Elizabeth Williams
Stuart Grinnell	John Sibley

Intermediates

Ara Avakian	Peter Revotskie
Carol Barbetti	Nancy Rogers
Stephen Colpitts	Susan Stauffer
Betsy Eldridge	Jay Viles
Nancy Ferranti	Robin Weaver
Warren French	Louie Young
Peter Grey	Peter Duffy
Robert Hammill	Nancy Law

Swimmers

Richard Ayers	Johanna Hoagland
Nancy Garland	John Little
Carol Hayes	Connie Mooers
Jane Henderson	Marilyn Mooers
Eric Hoagland	Jeffrey Whitmore

Advanced Swimmers

Armine Avakian	Sally Ayers
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Junior Lifesavers

Stephen Colpitts	James Hall
Alex Corman	Joan Harding
Carol Craven	Peter Rogers
Peter Grey	

Senior Lifesaving

Martha Conrad	Kathy Minihan
Robert Conrad	Sally Armstrong

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

Pruning work on trees damaged by the hurricanes of 1954 was completed this Spring and now, fortunately, very little evidence remains of the devastating effects that the big winds had on our parks.

This year, following the acquisition of a new heavy duty rotary-type cutter, the Town House Park, just to the northwest of the Town Common, has been cleared out of scrubby growth and tall weedy grass.

A limited amount of new planting and transplanting of existing shrubs has been accomplished in this area and a little further work here should add greatly to the beauty of the Town Hall setting, one of the outstanding landscaped features of the Town.

Occasional planting has been done elsewhere not only to replace losses but also with an eye to the future consideration of trees and shrubs that will have to be removed due to poor development or excessive age.

Routine care of lawns, paths, trees and shrubs has been carried out during the year on each of the Town Park areas with the result that our properties all appear to be in excellent condition.

Unclassified

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

The men of Weston are nothing if not versatile. Each year, toward the end of January, when night — usually an uncommonly cold night — has fallen, and lights have winked on, a strange phenomenon occurs. From doorways in various parts of the Town men emerge — men of all ages and sizes. The hour is exactly 7 o'clock.

What's the occasion? Lodge night? Bowling night? A gigantic poker game? None of these. Each man drives over a prescribed route, and whenever he sees a porch light shining he walks up and rings the bell. The householder is perhaps a total stranger. But the caller wears a sign that is an Open Sesame. The door swings wide. The wearer of the sign goes in; money changes hands. The caller thanks his host and departs, hurrying to find another porch light glowing.

By 8 o'clock his rounds are completed and he hastens to the Jones House to turn in his sign and the money he has collected, and have a cup of coffee.

But what is that magic sign, which opens every Weston door on which a porch light shines? Why, it simply proclaims, candidly and incongruously — "Tonight I Am a Mother".

So do Weston's American Legionnaires take the burden from the mothers of the Town, and leave them in peace to do the dishes or put the kids to bed. So do they help a great and vital cause by themselves organizing and conducting the "Mother's March" on Polio.

In January of 1955 they collected over \$800. Not bad for an hour's work!

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As has been noted before in these columns, Weston is no longer the quiet country town of pre-World War II years. As of January 1955, the official population was 6,257.

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By the same token, 125 building permits were issued during the year. However, with the new zoning laws in effect, we can envision the Weston of the future as still being a town with plenty of woods and fields and comparatively wide open spaces.

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For the first time (we believe) in history, Weston's Memorial Day paraders stepped out to the strains of the High School Band, whose members, resplendent in full uniform, performed with truly professional eclat. Another good innovation in the observance was that, it being a fine day, all the ceremonies took place outdoors.

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Well — the East-West Toll Road is practically a fait accompli.

It has been "roughed out" all along its 120-odd miles. And in spite of everything that could be done, on its way through Weston it has destroyed or disrupted many fine estates. Bulldozers and detour signs bring home to us the realization that nothing can stand in the way of progress. But those, in Weston and elsewhere, whose private lives have been invaded by it can be pardoned for questioning the real meaning of the word.

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The sudden growth of industries in towns and cities outside of Weston has brought a real plague of traffic to the Town. Lexington Street now carries an estimated 500 cars per hour in the morning and evening "rush hours", and during those periods the Post Road carries about 350 per hour. This is in addition to normal traffic. So are we afflicted with the growing pains of others!

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In all fairness, however, it must be admitted that Weston people account for a fair-sized amount of traffic in their own right. At latest count, they owned more than 4000 motor vehicles! This is next to the highest per family ownership in the state. (We're good drivers, though. Our automobile insurance rates are among the lowest).

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Weston experienced no hurricanes during the year — but — **The Rains Came.** For a general description of the event, see "The Cataract of Lodore" by Robert Southey — particularly the line "and so never ending, but always descending". So it seemed — but the deluge finally did end, and Weston, by comparison with most New England towns, got off easy. Still, the demands for sump pumps jumped, probably, to a new high.

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Elsewhere in this Town Report is the detailed story of how Weston acquired one and part of a second Town Forest during 1955. It is recommended reading. How fortunate we are to have a combination of forward-looking citizens and generous, civic-minded land-owners!

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Weston's beautiful new Country School, comprising 20 large classrooms, a large auditorium, a gymnasium, administrative offices, library — conference room, medical room and teachers' rooms, was opened February 14, dedicated March 27, and very fittingly won an award in a nation-wide architectural competition.

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December, according to the figure demons, averaged 18 degrees below normal in temperature — the coldest December in 38 years.

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Weston's Fire Department continues to keep up with the times and to retain its place among "the finest". Latest development is

a new alarm system which, when a street fire alarm box is "pulled", identifies the box number in just 3½ seconds. It used to be a matter of 2 minutes or more after the alarm was "pulled" before the source could be positively identified, and the apparatus could swing into action. And, when it comes to a fire, those first two minutes are precious.

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Speaking of the Fire Department — during 1955 it answered about 325 "service" calls, as against a high of about 225 in any previous year. These included such situations as owner locked out of house, child locked in bathroom, faulty light switches, smell of oil or gas, stove acting queerly — and, of course, during the floods, oil burner out of commission.

It was a green Christmas and an equally green New Year's — but the long range forecasts held dire forebodings of bitter storms to come.

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So ends the year.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Committee's collection in the Jones House was opened to the general public in February 1955 at the time of the open house held by the Board of Selectmen.

The following additions to the collection have been received during 1955.

From	Item
Mrs. Gardiner H. Fiske	Blunderbuss
In memory of	
Gardiner H. Fiske	
Homer Whittemore	Chest
B. Loring Young	Wood from Washington Elm, Cambridge, Mass.
Henry W. Patterson	Map of Weston
Mrs. Harry Warren	Photographs
Charles O. Richardson	Watercolor of Jones House by H. L. Davenport

THE WESTON-ROMBAS AFFILIATION COMMITTEE

The Weston-Rombas Affiliation Committee has sought during the year 1955 to further strengthen the ties between these two communities. The work of the Committee in prior years made possible the arrival in 1954 of the first Rombas Scholarship Student, Miss Ursele Fischbach.

During 1955 Miss Fischbach concluded her scholastic activities and then made an extensive bus trip to visit places of national and historical importance. By the time she returned to France, Miss Fischbach had acquired an appreciation for both life in Weston and the "American Way" which was remarkably broad in view of her relatively short stay. Upon reaching Rombas, Miss Fischbach reported her impressions and experiences to the schools and town organizations. This did much to bring greater understanding and closer ties between our communities.

The Affiliation Committee spent a substantial amount of time during 1955 in arranging for a second Scholarship Student. These efforts were rewarded by the arrival of Miss Nicole Maitre early in November. Miss Maitre has been attending classes at both the Weston High School and Regis College.

Late in the Fall of 1955 the Affiliation Committee in Rombas suggested the possibility of having a Weston boy spend the winter of 1955-56 in Rombas as a scholarship student at the College de Rombas. This suggestion has recently been formalized by their Committee as a firm offer. It is hoped that it will be possible to find a suitable candidate for this scholarship.

A portion of the funds needed for the execution of the Committee's plans were raised by the sale of Christmas Cards. It is hoped that the designs of the Christmas Cards for 1956 will include some submitted by students in Rombas.

Current plans of the Committee include exploration of the possibility of further student scholarships, for Rombas and Weston students both during the summer vacation and for the school year. These scholarships would be in addition to the present offer from Rombas mentioned above.

The Committee wishes to draw attention to the cooperation of numerous residents of both Weston and Rombas who have made possible the progress to date. Among these are the Richard Robinsons and Frederick Bonners with whom Nicole is spending the winter. The staffs and faculties of our High School and Regis College have contributed greatly to the success of the Affiliation and specifically to Miss Maitre's scholastic program. Cambridge School has likewise taken an active part in Affiliation.

The activities of the Committee have been supported completely by private subscription and without the use of town funds. Residents of Weston are urged to contribute to the Committee in order that its program for greater international understanding may continue its benefits to Weston.

THE WESTON TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Following the vote at Town Meeting in March 1955 authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish a Town Forest in one or both

of two specified areas, and appropriating the sum of \$65,000 by unanimous vote for this purpose, the Forest Committee continued negotiations with the owners concerned.

In December 1955 announcement was made of the signing of a purchase and sale agreement between the Selectmen and the Trustees under the will of the late Charles J. Paine, with respect to 147.16 acres in the Highland Street neighborhood. A few days later announcement was made by the Selectmen of the acceptance of two very generous gifts of land for town forest purposes. One of these gifts comprises a parcel of frontage land on Highland Street commanding the very fine view to the west which was given by members of the Paine family in memory of General and Mrs. Charles Jackson Paine and their sons; the other, given by Miss Marion Farnsworth of Exmoor Farm, comprises land in the Gun Club Lane neighborhood, which provides a nucleus on which to build up a forest area stretching through to Concord Road near its junction with Merraim Street. This gift alone will eventually total some 40 acres.

The Town therefore now has two forest areas, and in due course it is expected that, in accordance with Chapter 45, General Laws, Sect. 21, a forest management committee of three members will be appointed by the Selectmen.

The Highland Street area, with the addition of some two acres of land owned by Mr. Stewart C. Woodworth, Jr., papers for which are expected to pass in the near future, has fulfilled if not surpassed the expectations of this committee as expressed at last annual Town Meeting. In the Jericho area Miss Farnsworth's generous gift has provided an excellent start, and the way seems clear to extending this area to Concord Road with a total acquisition of perhaps 80 acres, while still leaving several thousand dollars of the original appropriation unexpended. There is still a large area of woodland in this neighborhood, but due to the rather large properties involved, and the disinclination of some owners to partition their property, there is some doubt whether the limited funds uncommitted can be usefully spent in this region.

Under these circumstances it may seem reasonable to suggest, that the Town consider the advisability of making some further appropriation, perhaps \$25,000-\$30,000 which would be available for acquisitions in this area should the opportunity arise for purchases of one or more of the larger properties, which in the opinion of the Selectmen, it would be advantageous for the Town to take. Apart from this area the committee has at the present time no other area of comparable size in view as a prospective purchase, though there are numerous other smaller areas of especial natural beauty, which could make their contribution as forest areas while at the same time helping to preserve the amenities of the neighborhood in which they are situated.

A vote taken on a further appropriation would, it is believed, in

itself be helpful even though no expenditure of the funds authorized were eventually made. It would serve as a guide with regard to the wishes of the Town, to members of the various boards and committees, which have the responsibility of assessing the wishes of the townspeople, and of implementing these wishes by appropriate policies. It is perhaps needless to point out that any committee or board negotiating with an owner for purchase of land, is in a much better position to negotiate, if authorization and an appropriation of funds has already been voted by the Town.

With this report this committee believes the purposes for which it was appointed by the Moderator have been accomplished, and awaits the pleasure of the Town, in the acceptance of its report and in the dismissal of the committee.

REPORT OF U.N. DAY COMMITTEE

This year Weston participated in the tenth anniversary celebration of the founding of the United Nations. The theme of the occasion was "The U. N. Works For You".

A special program was held on United Nations Day, October 24, 1955, at the Weston Country School auditorium. In addition to an informative talk by Professor Lewis Sohn of Harvard, speaking on the subject "What the United Nations Means to You", the program included several musical numbers representing folk music of India and Scotland, and a movie on UNICEF. Two senior scouts participated in a candle - light ceremony to close the official celebration.

Last year's U.N. Day committee initiated the project of sending two students to New York to tour U. N. headquarters and actually witness the United Nations in action. This year, through the generous cooperation of Weston's principal civic and social organizations, the sum of \$239.00 was raised. This not only provided for the expenses of the U.N. Day celebration, but enabled the committee to send ten students and two faculty advisors on this very informative tour to see the United Nations in action.

Our committee recommends a continuance of this program and further recommends that a committee be organized on a more permanent basis like the Weston Rombas Affiliation Committee. To this end, we suggest the election of half of the members of the committee on a two-year rotating basis so that there will be some continuity and responsibility for planning ahead in the future. In the past the committee has been organized about a month in advance of U.N. Day with little opportunity to plan ahead for an interesting program. We have also been handicapped in arranging necessary publicity.

We feel that in creating opportunities for increased understanding of the United Nations, we are contributing in a most effective way toward increasing prosperity and peace throughout the world.

Water Department

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The business of the Water Department continued to grow during 1955 with substantial additions to water mains, services and appurtenances. The volume of water pumped exceeded that of the previous year by more than twenty-five per cent. Receipts amounted to \$55,649.82 for water rates; \$25,387.96 for services installed or replaced, and for miscellaneous charges, including those for labor, material and hydrant rentals; and \$60,870.36 added to general receipts under agreements with applicants for water main extensions to reimburse the Town for the cost thereof.

During the year a connecting main was installed between the Nickerson Field well and the new Fitzgerald well. A contract has been awarded for renovating the pumping and electrical equipment at the Nickerson Field well and incidentally increasing its capacity by one-third.

The new Turnpike-Route 128 interchange lay-outs posed disquieting features for the Water Department, including the proposed re-routing of force mains serving the Nickerson Field and Fitzgerald wells.

Comparative statistics reflecting the physical operations of the Department for the years 1954 and 1955 appear in the table following this report.

WESTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Comparative Statistics

Water Pumped	1954	1955
Kendal Green Wells	5,165,000	1,426,698
Nickerson Field Well	151,489,300	85,362,600
Fitzgerald Well	0	112,853,600
Total Gallons Pumped	156,654,300	199,642,898
Greatest amount pumped on one day	1,080,000 (7/17)	1,877,500 (8/1)
Greatest amount pumped during one week	5,479,300 (7/11-17)	10,644,200 (8/1-7)
Miles of Main end of year	40.85	42.10
Meters in service end of year	1,325	1,411
New services added	102	86
Monthly average consumed	13,054,525	16,636,908
Weekly average consumed	3,004,141	3,839,287
Daily average consumed	429,163	546,967

Cemeteries

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Interments:	Non-resident	17	
	Resident	17	
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	Total	34	
Receipts:	Sale of Lots		\$ 290.00
	Sale of Perpetual Care		1800.00
	Annual Care of Lots		190.00
	Interments		1230.00
	Grave Liners		380.00
	Foundations		197.00
	Rental of Tractor		72.00
	Miscellaneous		5.50
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			\$4164.50

Receipts from the sale of lots and perpetual care were added to the Sale of Lots Fund and the Perpetual Care Fund respectively. All other receipts were paid into the Town Treasury.

Total expenditures amounted to \$16,003.41, of which \$14,024.31 was provided by the annual appropriation, and \$1,979.10 by the income from the Perpetual Care Fund. An additional sum of \$1584.00, provided from the Reserve Fund in 1954, was expended for extensive pruning and removal of broken trees by the Hartney Tree Surgeons, Inc. This work was necessary because of the damage done by the hurricanes in the Fall of 1954.

Total receipts were less than normal because of the sale of fewer lots, while total expenditures were about normal, with the exception of the amount spent on the trees.

During the first months of the year, our own men spent a great deal of time cleaning up the hurricane damage. Also, with money supplied by the Sears Planting Fund, two small trees were set out in Farmers Cemetery and three in Central Cemetery.

A new wood burning stove and patented chimney were installed in the shed to replace the old heater, a new gate was purchased for the entrance of South Cemetery, and the lowering device which had been in use for over twenty years was replaced.

The usual routine work was carried on throughout the year and the grounds maintained in satisfactory condition.

Town Records, 1955, Condensed

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — MARCH 21, 1955

Pursuant to a warrant duly served the meeting was called to order in the lower hall by Francis G. Goodale, Moderator, at 12 o'clock noon, March 21, 1955, for action on Article 1.

The Moderator determined and announced the presence of a quorum.

It was unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Article 1. To bring in their votes for the following town officers to be voted for on one ballot:

	For term of
A moderator	One Year
One selectman	Three Years
One member of the board of public welfare	Three Years
One assessor	Three Years
Two members of the school committee	Three Years
A treasurer and collector	One Year
One library trustee	Three Years
One trustee of the Merriam Fund	Three Years
One park commissioner	Three Years
One cemetery commissioner	Three Years
One cemetery commissioner (to fill vacancy)	One Year
One member of the board of health	Three Years
One commissioner of trust funds	Three Years
One water commissioner	Three Years
One member of the planning board	Five Years
One member of the planning board (to fill vacancy)	One Year
Two members of the recreation commission	Three Years
One member of the recreation commission (to fill vacancy)	Two Years
A tree warden	One Year
Three measurers of lumber	One Year

At 7 P.M. it was voted to extend the time for closing the polls to 7:45 P.M.

The polls were opened at 12 o'clock noon and were closed at 7:45 P.M. Five hundred seven ballots were cast.

The results of the election were as follows:

MODERATOR (for one year)

Francis G. Goodale, Caucus Nominee	486
Blank	21

SELECTMAN (for three years)

William R. Dewey, Jr., Caucus Nominee	443
Blank	58
Scattering	6

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (for three years)

Elizabeth B. Janeway, Caucus Nominee	477
Blank	30

ASSESSOR (for three years)

Ralph M. Hower, Caucus Nominee	461
Blank	45
Scattering	1

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years)

Theodore B. Bayles, Caucus Nominee	389
John G. Brooks, Caucus Nominee	381
Daniel F. Viles	192
Blank	52

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR (for one year)

Helen E. Cutting, Caucus Nominee	475
Blank	32

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (for three years)

Grant M. Palmer, Jr., Caucus Nominee	479
Blank	28

TRUSTEE OF MERRIAM FUND (for three years)

Geo. O. Russell, Jr., Caucus Nominee	477
Blank	29
Scattering	1

PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Donald Wyman, Caucus Nominee	478
Blank	29

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Walter W. Weld, Caucus Nominee	477
Blank	29
Scattering	1

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (for one year) (to fill vacancy)

Benjamin S. Blake, Jr., Caucus Nominee	457
Blank	50

BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years)	
William T. VanHuysen, Caucus Nominee	477
Blank	30
MEASURERS OF LUMBER (for one year)	
G. Murray Burke, Caucus Nominee	477
Harold A. Ogilvie, Caucus Nominee	462
Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., Caucus Nominee	476
Blank	106
COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (for three years)	
Edward B. Hubbard, Caucus Nominee	479
Blank	28
WATER COMMISSIONER (for three years)	
Harold B. Colpitts, Caucus Nominee	462
Blank	45
PLANNING BOARD (for five years)	
Douglas Mercer, Caucus Nominee	465
Blank	42
PLANNING BOARD (for one year) (to fill vacancy)	
E. Olsen Field, Caucus Nominee	474
Blank	33
TREE WARDEN (for one year)	
John L. Duffy, Caucus Nominee	473
Blank	32
Scattering	2
RECREATION COMMISSION (for three years)	
Karl Adams, Jr., Caucus Nominee	473
Alison B. Powers, Caucus Nominee	458
Blank	83
RECREATION COMMISSION (for two years) (to fill vacancy)	
Frank L. Hitchcock, Caucus Nominee	472
Blank	35

The Moderator, Francis G. Goodale, called the business meeting to order in the upper town hall at 8 P.M. and determined and announced the presence of a quorum. It was voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: We, the citizens of Weston assembled in our annual town meeting, having learned with regret of the decision of the following town officers not to continue in office, desire to express our appreciation of their faithful and able services in behalf of the Town:

William P. Coues, who for ten years has conscientiously discharged the thankless tasks of an assessor and has contributed much to the accomplishment of the reappraisal of property values.

Howard Gambrill, Jr., former member of the finance committee and for six years a member of the school committee, who has given business experience, good judgment and a sound and progressive outlook to the extensive and highly important work of these two committees.

David Blaney and Charles V. Cooke, who have diligently and with interest served the Town as members of the planning board for twelve years and four years, respectively, in a period of rapid growth of the Town and great increase in the importance and complexities of the functions and responsibilities of that board.

Harold A. Mosher and Elizabeth N. Rayner, members of the recreation commission for six years and three years, respectively, who have devoted themselves assiduously to the development of a comparatively new activity of the Town for the well-being and pleasure of its citizens.

Everett M. Studley and Richard H. Field, who as members of the Finance Committee for twelve years and six years, respectively, made an outstanding contribution to solving the Town's financial problems.

Further resolved: that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that copies be sent to the foregoing officers.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the Town, recognizing the worth of the United Nations as a valuable instrumentality in the universal quest for world peace, approves the public observance of United Nations Day in 1955 and requests the moderator to appoint a committee of citizens to arrange suitable observance thereof.

Article 2. To hear and act upon reports of town officers and committees.

Voted: That the several reports of the town officers and committees as printed in the annual town report for 1954 be accepted and placed on file subject to any corrections which may be made by this meeting or by the town clerk.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other town charges for the current year; and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town for the current year.

(1) Mr. Wm. R. Dewey, Jr. moved that the several sums of

money recommended by the selectmen for appropriation in 1955 in accordance with section 5 of Article II of the by-laws, set forth on pages 21 to 34 of the annual town report for 1954, be appropriated for their respective purposes set forth on said pages, but with the following changes:

Under the title Protection of Persons and Property on page 23 of the town report: the item Salary \$500.00 under the sub-title Tree Warden struck out and the item Compensation \$750.00 inserted in place thereof; and the item Total Protection of Persons and Property increased from \$119,156.66 to \$119,406.66.

Under the title Recreation on page 29 of the town report: the item Recreation Commission increased from \$12,220.00 to \$12,920.00; and the item Total for Recreation increased from \$13,730.00 to \$14,430.00.

Under the title Recapitulation on page 34 of the town report: the item Appropriations Recommended increased from \$930,367.55 to \$931,317.55.

Mr. Dewey's motion was carried, and the appropriations voted were as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen—Chairman's Salary	\$ 200.00
2nd Member's Salary	100.00
3rd Member's Salary	100.00
Expenses	275.00
Finance Committee	65.00
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary—Salary	8,750.00
Expenses	340.00
Treasurer and Collector—Salary	5,000.00
Office Salaries	2,925.00
Expenses	1,980.00
Assessors—Chairman's Salary	100.00
2nd Member's Salary	100.00
3rd Member's Salary	100.00
Expenses	500.00
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Real Estate	1,000.00
Town Clerk—Salary	150.00
Expenses	250.00
Clerk of Committees	12,150.00
Town Engineer—Salary	5,325.00
Expenses	563.00

Law	3,000.00	
Election and Registration	938.00	
Planning Board—Expenses	500.00	
Long Range Plans and Studies	5,000.00	
Board of Appeals	275.00	
Town Hall—Salaries	6,660.00	
Expenses	6,340.00	
Equipment	500.00	
Former Jones Property	2,105.00	
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept.—Salaries	\$ 38,249.00	
Other Expenses	5,050.00	
Equipment and Apparatus	2,358.66	
Fire Dept.—Salaries	36,628.00	
Other Expenses	6,436.00	
Equipment and Apparatus	4,520.00	
Hydrant Service	8,540.00	
Civil Defense Expenses	1,000.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	25.00	
Moth Extermination	2,850.00	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,500.00	
Tree Warden—Compensation	750.00	
Expenses	11,000.00	
Building Inspector	500.00	
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health—Chairman's Salary	25.00	
Secretary's Salary	50.00	
3rd Member's Salary	25.00	
Expenses	3,000.00	
Cooperating Boards of Health	2,651.60	
Inspection of Plumbing	1,750.00	
Mosquito Control East Middlesex Project	6,500.00	
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Salaries	47,050.00	
Expenses	29,000.00	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,500.00	
Chapter 90, Construction	4,000.00	
Highway Equipment	5,000.00	
Highway Land Takings	2,000.00	
Street Lighting	12,800.00	
Public Dump	100.00	
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		101,450.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Public Welfare—Chairman's Salary	50.00	
2nd Members' Salary	50.00	
3rd Member's Salary	50.00	
Administration—Salaries	1,350.00	
Expenses	700.00	
Aid Expense	28,231.80	
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		\$ 30,431.80

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Soldiers' Benefits	500.00
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SCHOOLS

Salaries	351,008.00	
Inspection of School Children	900.00	
School Nurse	2,550.00	
Utilities and Fuel	27,000.00	
Maintenance, Repair, and Other Expenses	51,576.00	
Transportation	35,387.00	
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	665.00	
Vocational Education	400.00	
Out of State Travel	902.00	
Association Membership Dues	217.00	
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		470,605.00

LIBRARIES

Salaries	18,796.25	
Other Expenses	1,915.63	
Books, Periodicals & Records	3,500.00	
Maintenance & Repair	500.00	
Equipment	750.00	
Out-of-State Travel	125.00	
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		25,586.88

RECREATION

Recreation Commission	12,920.00	
Park Department	1,510.00	
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UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	325.00	
Town Reports	1,700.00	
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	4,500.00	
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	4,700.00	
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	1,825.00	
Insurance, All Other	950.00	
Insurance—Group Life	700.00	
Town Owned Houses	500.00	
Contributory Retirement Fund	9,399.61	
All Other	800.00	
Town Bulletin	1,800.00	
Historical Committee	50.00	
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Comm. Salaries—Chairman	100.00	
2nd Member's Salary	100.00	
3rd Member's Salary	100.00	
Salaries	17,198.00	
Expenses	20,707.00	
Paint Standpipe	2,400.00	
Equipment and Apparatus	7,450.00	
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CEMETERIES

Salaries	11,800.00	
Expenses	2,500.00	14,300.00
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Interest on Refunds		10.00
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		\$931,317.55

Voted (2): That the rates per year of the salaries of the members of the board of selectmen, the town clerk, the treasurer and collector, the members of the board of public welfare, the members of the board of assessors, the members of the board of health, and the members of the board of water commissioners be fixed, effective from January 1, 1955, in amounts equivalent to the amounts appropriated for such salaries, respectively, by previous vote under this article; that

the compensation of the tree warden be fixed at the rate of \$10.00 per day for time spent in supervising trimming of trees by public utility companies; and that all other elected officers of the Town be unpaid.

Voted: (3): That five persons be appointed by the moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 1955, with authority to expend for the observance of that day the sum of \$325.00 already appropriated for that purpose by previous vote under this article.

Article 4. To authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue and renew or refund a note or notes therefor.

Voted: That the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year to an amount not exceeding \$150,000, and to issue therefor a note or notes each payable within one year from its date, and to renew or refund any note or notes given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, chapter 44, section 17.

Article 5. To transfer money from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund.

Voted: That the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund.

Article 6. To appropriate money from available funds for the purpose of deduction by the assessors in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

Voted: That this article be passed over and so disposed of.

Article 7. To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the current year.

Voted: That the sum of \$1,384.37, being the amount of the 1955 dog license refund received from the treasurer of Middlesex County, be appropriated for Libraries - Other Expenses, in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose by vote under Article 3.

Article 8. To appropriate money from available funds in anticipation of state and county reimbursement for chapter 90 highway maintenance and construction.

Voted: That the sums of \$3,000.00 and \$12,000.00 be appropriated from available funds to meet that part of the cost of chapter 90 highway maintenance and chapter 90 highway construction, respectively, which falls upon the Commonwealth and Middlesex County; the reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Middlesex County to be restored upon their receipt to available funds.

Article 9. To appropriate money, to be provided by borrowing and/or from other sources, for laying or relaying water mains, and to authorize the issuing of bonds or notes.

Voted: That the unexpended balance of \$15,733.04 in the "Water Mains - Loring Road and Summer Street" account of the water department be transferred and appropriated, and the additional sum of \$66,000.00 be appropriated from available funds, to the "Blanket Extensions" account of the water department for the use of the water commissioners for laying or relaying water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter.

Article 10. To appropriate money for pumping equipment to be installed at the Nickerson Field well.

Voted: That the sum of \$8,200.00 be appropriated for the use of the water commissioners for pumping equipment to be installed at the Nickerson Field well.

Article 11. To appropriate money for filtering equipment to be installed at the Weston Memorial Pool.

Voted: That the sum of \$6,000.00 be appropriated for the use of the recreation commission for filtering equipment to be installed at the Weston Memorial Pool.

Article 12. To authorize the sale and conveyance of the land and buildings of the Town known as 31 Warren Avenue.

Voted: That the selectmen be authorized to sell and convey in the name and behalf of the Town, for such price and upon such terms and conditions as they think best, the land and buildings of the Town, formerly of Stanley, situated on the north side of Warren Avenue and known as 31 Warren Avenue.

Article 13. To authorize the acquisition by purchase, eminent domain or gift, for public school and/or recreational purposes, of the fee or other interests in a small parcel of land of Harvard University located on the north side of Wellesley Street adjacent to the land now owned by the Town; and to appropriate money for such acquisition.

Voted unanimously: That the selectmen be authorized to acquire in the name and behalf of the Town by purchase, eminent domain or gift, for public school and/or recreational purposes, the fee or other interests in a small parcel of land of Harvard University located on the north side of Wellesley Street adjacent to the land now owned by the Town, substantially as shown on the town engineer's plan no. 14-2-S7 dated February 28, 1955; that such parcel or interests therein may be

acquired subject to such terms and conditions as the selectmen may approve; and that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for the use of the selectmen for such acquisition.

Article 14. To take action, including appropriation of money, respecting investigation of the matter of fluoridation of the Town's public water supply.

Voted: That until further action by the Town the special committee established in 1954 to investigate the matter of fluoridation of the Town's public water supply be continued in office for that purpose and to make a further report or reports to the Town; and that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the use of the committee for its expenses.

Article 15. To take action respecting study of the Town's building by-law or code.

Voted: That until further action by the Town the special committee established in 1954 to study the Town's building by-law or code be continued in office for that purpose and to make a further report or reports to the Town as soon as possible, and the committee's appropriation be continued.

Article 16. To determine the Saturdays on which the public offices in the Town may remain closed.

Voted: That until further action by the Town the public offices at the Town Hall remain closed on all Saturdays commencing April 2, 1955.

Article 17. To take action toward the enactment of legislation by the General Court authorizing use for other municipal purposes of a parcel of land known as "Town House Park" acquired by the Town for the purpose of a public park and situated on the north side of Town House Road abutting on the west the Town Hall lot; and to vote to use said parcel as a public parking place and to grant control and authority and appropriate money for such use thereof contingent upon the enactment of such legislation.

Mr. Dewey moved that the selectmen be authorized to seek the enactment of suitable legislation by the General Court enabling the Town to use for other municipal purposes the parcel of land known as "Town House Park" acquired by the Town for the purpose of a public park and situated on the north side of Town House Road abutting on the west the Town Hall lot.

Mr. Glover moved that Mr. Dewey's motion be tabled. Mr. Glover's motion was carried and Mr. Dewey's motion was tabled.

Article 18. To adopt a new by-law in substantially the following form:

TOWN DUMPS

Section 1. Dumping at any dump of the Town by anyone not an inhabitant of the Town is prohibited.

Section 2. Dumping of garbage or other offensive substance, or any dangerous article or substance, at any dump of the Town is prohibited.

Section 3. Discharging of firearms at any dump of the Town is prohibited. This section shall not prohibit discharging of firearms in any instance where it is expressly permitted by the chief of police or his representative.

Section 4. The selectmen may adopt such regulations pertaining to the times, places and manner of dumping at any dump of the Town as they may consider advisable for the orderly conduct thereof.

Section 5. The penalty for violation of this by-law or any regulation made under the authority thereof shall be a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

Voted: That a new by-law in the following form be adopted as Article XII of the by-laws:

TOWN DUMPS

Section 1. Dumping at any dump of the Town by anyone not an inhabitant of the Town is prohibited.

Section 2. Dumping of garbage or other offensive substance, or any dangerous article or substance, at any dump of the Town is prohibited.

Section 3. Discharging of firearms at any dump of the Town is prohibited. This section shall not prohibit discharging of firearms in any instance where it is expressly permitted by the chief of police or his representative.

Section 4. The selectmen may adopt such regulations pertaining to the times, places and manner of dumping at any dump of the Town as they may consider advisable for the orderly conduct thereof.

Section 5. The penalty for violation of this by-law or any regulation made under the authority thereof shall be a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

The new Article XII of the by-law, was approved by the Attorney General on July 13, 1955, and was published in the Waltham News-Tribune on July 27, August 1, and August 5, 1955.

Article 19. To adopt a new by-law in substantially the following form:

EMPLOYEES' VACATIONS

Excepting employees appointed by the school committee, all regular full-time employees of the Town may be granted reasonable vacations with pay in the discretion of the officer or officers appointing or employing such employees, respectively; provided that vacations shall

be granted for at least the periods required by any applicable statutes and shall be granted for at least three weeks in each year to employees who have been continuously in the service of the Town for ten years or more.

Voted: That a new by-law in the following form be adopted as Article XIII of the by-laws:

EMPLOYEES VACATIONS

Excepting employees appointed by the school committee, all regular full-time employees of the Town may be granted reasonable vacations with pay in the discretion of the officer or officers appointing or employing such employees, respectively; provided that vacations shall be granted for at least the periods required by any applicable statutes and shall be granted for at least three weeks in each year to employees who have been continuously in the service of the Town for ten years or more.

The new Article XIII of the by-laws was approved by the Attorney General on July 13, 1955, and was published in the Waltham News-Tribune on July 27, August 1, and August 5, 1955.

Article 20. To authorize the acquisition by purchase or gift, for a public domain or domains and town forest or forests, of the fee or other interests in any lands situated in or adjacent to the area generally outlined by Highland Street, South Avenue, Wellesley Street, and Chestnut Street, and the area generally outlined by the Weston-Wayland boundary line, the Boston & Maine Railroad (Massachusetts Central Division), and Concord Road, and in any accesses to such lands; and to appropriate money, to be provided by borrowing and/or from other sources, for such acquisition, and to authorize the issuing of bonds or notes.

Voted unanimously: That the selectmen be authorized to acquire in the name and behalf of the Town by purchase, or in part by purchase and in part by gift, for a public domain or domains to be used as a town forest or forests, lands situated in or adjacent to the area generally outlined by Highland Street, South Avenue, Wellesley Street, and Chestnut Street, and the area generally outlined by the Weston-Wayland boundary line, the Boston & Maine Railroad (Massachusetts Central Division), and Concord Road, and lands furnishing access thereto; that such lands may be acquired subject to such terms and conditions not inconsistent herewith as the selectmen may approve; that the selectmen be authorized in the name and behalf of the Town to take any options and make any purchase and other contracts suitable to such acquisition; and that for the use of the selectmen for such acquisition the sum of \$65,000.00 be appropriated, of which \$25,000.00 be appropriated by borrowing under the authority of and in conformity to chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, to which end the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$40,000.00, and to

determine in conformity to law the period of the loan, all particulars as to the form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

The meeting was dissolved at 10:12 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 12, 1955

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served a special town meeting was held on December 12, 1955 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. in the town hall.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Article 1. To appropriate money for Dutch Elm Disease Control.

Voted: That the sum of \$3500.00 be appropriated from available funds for Dutch Elm Disease Control, and that this be a continuing appropriation separate from current appropriations for that purpose.

Article 2. To appropriate money for Schools — Salaries for the current year.

Voted: That the additional sum of \$1675.00 be appropriated from available funds for Schools — Salaries for the current year.

Article 3. To appropriate money for pumping equipment to be installed at the Nickerson Field well.

Voted: That the additional sum of \$4440.00 be appropriated from available funds for the use of the Water Commissioners for pumping equipment to be installed at the Nickerson Field well.

Article 4. To revise the building by-law, Article VI of the by-laws, by striking out in its entirety the Article VI entitled "Building Laws" now in force and by adopting and inserting in place thereof a new Article VI in substantially the following form:

(The text of the proposed new building by-law, Article VI, following the foregoing in Article 4 of the warrant is omitted from this condensed record)

Voted: "That the building by-law, Article VI of the by-laws, be revised by striking out in its entirety the Article VI entitled 'Building Laws' now in force and by adopting and inserting in its place a new Article VI in the form appearing in Article 4 of the warrant for this meeting, but with . . . (certain specified changes therein, statement of which is omitted from this record); the striking out of the Article VI now in force to be effective only upon the taking effect of such new Article VI".

(The final text of such new Article VI as adopted and inserted by the above vote — that is, in the form appearing in Article 4 of the warrant but with such changes incorporated therein — appears in an appendix of 32 pages at the end of this town report)

Town Line Perambulations

Weston-Waltham lines perambulated December 5, 1955 by:

James P. McCarthy	Edward M. Dickson
Herbert F. Howe, City Engineer	Maurice L. Upham (Sub)
Raymond J. Tracey,	Charles H. Stimpson, Jr. (Sub)
Asst. City Clerk	Town of Weston
City of Waltham	

Weston-Lincoln lines perambulated December 10, 1955 by:

Edward W. Giles	Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.
Henry D. C. Ward	Maurice L. Upham (Sub)
William T. King	Charles H. Stimpson, Jr. (Sub)
Selectmen of Lincoln	Selectmen of Weston

Weston-Natick lines perambulated December 14, 1955 by:

William F. Wells	Edward M. Dickson
O. Edwin Swenson	Maurice L. Upham (Sub)
Selectmen of Natick	Charles H. Stimpson, Jr. (Sub)
	Selectmen of Weston

Weston-Wayland lines perambulated December 28, 1955 by:

Thomas Francis Linnehan	Edward M. Dickson
Ernest H. Damon (Sub)	Maurice L. Upham (Sub)
Selectmen of Wayland	Charles H. Stimpson, Jr. (Sub)
	Selectmen of Weston

The following votes were adopted by the Selectmen during 1955:

January 19, 1955: *Voted* to petition the Middlesex County Commissioners to lay out and relocate Lexington Street from the Waltham line to the end of the 1950 lay out and relocate a portion of Newton Street between South Avenue and Doublet Hill Road; and to lay out Winter Street from South Avenue to the Natick line.

February 12, 1955: *Voted* to adopt and sign a petition to the Board of Appeals of Weston for a variance in the application of the Weston zoning by-law authorizing the use of a lot of land located on the east side of Golden Ball Road a short distance south of the Boston Post Road containing 16,898 square feet and shown on the town engineer's plan no. 14-1-H26, dated January 21, 1955 for purposes permissible in the residence districts notwithstanding that its area is less than the minimum required by the zoning by-law. The petition was signed accordingly. Further *voted* to authorize and direct the town counsel to file the petition with the Board of Appeals and to appear before the Board of Appeals in support of the petition.

February 28, 1955: *Voted* to open polls at noon and to provide for closing them at 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 1955, annual town election.

March 3, 1955: *Voted* to accept Chapter 447 of Acts of 1945 relative to granting vacations to employees who return to the service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Voted to adopt and sign the warrant for the annual town meeting to be held on March 21, 1955, and that attested copies thereof be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green Railroad station, and on the town bulletin board at the junction of South Avenue and Newton Street and Park Road. The warrant was then signed.

March 28, 1955: *Voted* to grant and sign license to B. Perini and Sons, Inc. to close Brown Street for the purpose of construction of part of the Massachusetts Turnpike and relocation of Brown Street under a contract with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

Voted that effective April 1, 1955 regular permanent police officers and fire fighters, other than the heads of the respective departments, shall receive in addition to their annual salary, compensation for duty consisting of one full shift performed between the hour of 8:00 a.m. on any holiday, as defined below, and 8:00 a.m. on the day following the holiday at the rate of 1/365th of the annual compensation then in effect for the individual concerned. This shall apply to the following holidays: January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, July 4, Labor Day, Columbus Day, November 11, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

April 13, 1955: *Voted* to notify the Commissioner of Public Works that the Board of Selectmen recommends and requests the installation of new access ramps to Route 128 at Winter Street in Waltham as a means of alleviating the serious traffic problem created in Weston by use of its roads by employees and persons doing business with Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., in Waltham.

May 2, 1955: *Voted* to accept the proposal of International Harvester Company, Boston, Mass., for supplying a truck chassis complete with hydraulically operated dump body for use of the Highway Department for the sum of \$3,383.53, this being the lowest eligible bid received pursuant to notice to bidders published in The News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass., Thursday, April 21, 1955.

May 23, 1955: *Voted* to approve purchase from Harvard University for the sum of \$50.00 of a small parcel of land at the intersection of access road from The Country School with Wellesley Street.

May 30, 1955: *Voted* to accept the proposal of Abbott Motors, Inc. for furnishing a Ford Country Sedan and equipment for use of the Police Department at the delivered price of \$2,156.38. This proposal was submitted pursuant to notice to bidders published in The News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass., Wednesday, May 25, 1955.

Voted to authorize the sale of the 1951 Mercury Sedan, used by the Police Department, to Abbott Motors, Inc. for the sum of \$213.28.

June 20, 1955: The meeting considered the \$40,000.00 Town Forest loan bonds, authorized to be issued by a vote of the town duly adopted at the annual town meeting held March 21, 1955.

Voted that the \$40,000.00 Town Forest loan bonds authorized to be

issued by vote of the town duly adopted at the annual town meeting held March 21, 1955, shall be dated July 1, 1955, shall be in denominations of \$1,000 each; and shall be substantially in the form of the bond submitted to and hereby approved at this meeting.

That 4 of said bonds shall mature on the 1st day of July in each of the years 1956 to 1965 inclusive;

That the interest rate on said bonds be and it hereby is fixed at 2.0 percent payable semi-annually; and

That the bid of Day Trust Company of Boston, Mass. to purchase said bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 2.0 percent per annum payable semi-annually, at par and interest accrued to date of delivery, being the best bid received for said bonds, be and it hereby is accepted and the town treasurer be and she hereby is authorized to deliver said bonds to the aforesaid purchaser.

June 27, 1955: *Voted* to approve and sign a contract in the amount of \$4,500.00 with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the maintenance of North Avenue under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws. The contract was signed and the executive secretary authorized and directed to forward the signed contract in duplicate to the Department of Public Works for execution by the Commissioners of Public Works.

June 30, 1955: Pursuant to the authority voted by the annual town meeting, March 22, 1954, under article 16 of the warrant, the meeting considered sealed bids received pursuant to Invitation to Bid, dated June 17, 1955, for purchase of the parcel of vacant land of the Town located on the east side of Golden Ball Road a short distance south of the Boston Post Road and abutting land of Homer F. Whittemore as shown on plan no. 14-1-H26 of the town engineer.

Voted to accept the proposal of Herbert B. Crouch to purchase this parcel for \$1,750.00, this being the highest eligible bid received.

Pursuant to the authority voted by the annual town meeting, March 21, 1955, under article 12 of the warrant, the meeting considered sealed bids received pursuant to Invitation to Bid, dated June 17, 1955, for purchase of the parcel of land with buildings thereon of the Town located at 31 Warren Avenue.

Voted to accept the proposal of Leonie E. Pollock to purchase the land and buildings thereon for \$8,115.00, being the highest bid received. Further *Voted* to authorize the town counsel to prepare a deed for the property to be executed by the board of selectmen and upon execution to deliver such deed against receipt of \$8,115.00, purchase price and payment in lieu of taxes, in cash or by certified check.

July 27, 1955: *Voted* to accept the proposal of Gulf Oil Corporation, Boston, Mass., for supplying gasoline to Town of Weston for the period ending June 30, 1956 at the commercial consumers' tank wagon price less \$.0181 per gallon plus Massachusetts state tax of \$.05 per gallon.

This proposal was the lowest bid received pursuant to notice to bidders published in The News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass., Friday, July 15, 1955.

Voted to accept proposals for supplying fuels for town buildings for the year 1955-1956 as follows:

Banta Coal and Oil Company, Medford, Mass.

No. 1 fuel oil at the posted tank car price for the Boston Market plus \$.015 per gallon.

No. 2 fuel oil at the posted tank car price for the Boston Market plus \$.0068 per gallon.

Petroleum Heat and Power Company, Boston, Mass.

No. 5 fuel at the posted tank car price for the Boston Market plus \$.12 per barrel.

B. S. Hatch Company, West Newton, Mass.

Anthracite coal egg size, at \$23.00 per net ton.

Anthracite coal, pea size, at \$19.00 per net ton.

B. L. Ogilvie & Sons, Inc., Weston, Mass.

Bituminous stoker coal at \$14.20. per net ton.

These were the lowest net bids received pursuant to notice to bidders published in the News-Tribune, Waltham, Mass., Friday, July 15 1955.

August 30, 1955: *Voted* to execute a deed conveying the parcel of vacant land of the Town located on the east side of Golden Ball Road a short distance south of Boston Post Road and abutting land of Homer F. Whittemore as shown on plan no. 14-1-H26 of the town engineer to Herbert B. Crouch and to authorize the town counsel to deliver the deed against payment of \$1,750.00 the purchase price and \$23.59 in lieu of taxes. The deed was accordingly executed.

September 6, 1955; *Voted* to sign final revised certificate of 1955 state census showing population on January 1, 1955 to be 6,257. The certificate was accordingly signed.

Voted to notify the Commissioner of Public Works of the objections of the Selectmen to the proposed plan for construction of Massachusetts Turnpike interchange with Route 128 with respect to the intention to relocate Park Road by having it intersect with Ridgeway Road south of the Turnpike and to request him to withhold approval of such plan for relocation of Park Road under the provisions of Chapter 354 of the Acts of 1952 creating the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and further to request the Commissioner to approve relocation of Park Road only if plans for such relocation provide for Park Road to remain a through route for travel between Newton and South Avenue.

October 17, 1955: *Voted* to request an allotment of \$1,500.00 from Middlesex County and \$1,500.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works subject to appropriation of \$1,500.00 by the Town of Weston for chapter 90 maintenance program of 1956; and to request an allotment for chapter 90 construction during 1956 of \$10,000.00 from

the Department of Public Works and \$5,000.00 from Middlesex County subject to appropriation of \$5,000.00 by the Town of Weston to be used for construction of a portion of North Avenue and/or Newton Street.

November 2, 1955: *Voted* to petition the Middlesex County Commissioners to relocate Concord Road between Merriam Street and Cherry Brook.

November 29, 1955: *Voted* to adopt and sign the warrant for the special town meeting to be held December 12, 1955, and that attested copies thereof be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the town bulletin board at the junction of South Avenue and Newton Street and Park Road. The warrant was then signed.

December 1, 1955: *Voted* by authority of the vote adopted under article 20 of the town meeting held on March 21, 1955, to adopt and sign a contract with the trustees under the will of Charles J. Paine for the purchase by the Town of a parcel of vacant land in Weston containing 147.16 acres more or less and shown on a plan made by Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., Town Engineer, dated June 20, 1955, as last revised October 20, 1955, entitled 'Plan of Land in Weston - Mass.' for the purchase price of \$51,500.00. Charles M. Ganson, did not participate in this vote which was taken by William R. Dewey, Jr. and Edward M. Dickson.

December 19, 1955: *Voted* to approve and sign a contract in the amount of \$1,350.00 with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the improvement of a portion of Conant Road between the Boston and Maine Railroad (Fitchburg Division) and North Avenue under the provisions of Chapter 9 of the General Laws, and to authorize and direct the executive secretary to forward said contract for execution by the Commissioners of Public Works.

The following licenses were issued by the Selectmen during 1955:

Taxicab Licenses

Mildred C. West
1953 Plymouth
Arthur J. Lillis
1953 Nash
1953 Nash
1955 Nash

Public Entertainment

The Red Barn Nursery School, Inc.

Innholder's License

The Weston Inn, 135 North Avenue, Weston

Common Victualler's Licenses

The Weston Inn, 135 North Avenue, Weston
Cedar Hill Dairy Bar, 331 North Avenue, Weston
Foote Bros., 292 North Avenue, Weston

Ye Olde Cottage Restaurant, 403 Boston Post Road, Weston
 George LeTendre, 456 Boston Post Road, Weston

Club Licenses

Pine Brook Country Club, Newton Street, Weston
 The Weston Golf Club, Meadowbrook Road, Weston

Gasoline Storage Permits

Harold B. Colpitts, Boston Post Road, Weston
 B. Perini & Sons, Inc., Framingham (temporary license to store
 gasoline and diesel oil in connection with construction of
 Toll Road)

Junk License

Fred DelGrosso, 3 Ashmont Avenue, Newton

Frozen Desserts

Cedar Hill Dairy Bar, 331 North Avenue, Weston
 Foote Bros., 292 North Avenue, Weston
 George LeTendre, 456 Boston Post Road, Weston

Firearms Dealer's License

William T. Snow, Jr.

The Selectmen made the following appointments during 1955:

TOWN COUNSEL

Grant M. Palmer, Jr.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

J. Ward Carter

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

J. Ward Carter

TOWN ENGINEER

Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Stanley Fabbri

LOCAL MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT

John L. Duffy

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Maurice L. Upham

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

J. Sumner Viles

CONSTABLES AND DOG OFFICERS

J. Sumner Viles	Frank J. Woods	Edward J. Barbetti
Lawrence H. Cugini	Frank O. Shaw	Robert P. Lazzari
Robert C. Millen	John J. Cronin, Jr.	Harold L. Lingley

DOG OFFICER

L. Lee Schulmann

CONSTABLE

Maurice L. Upham

CONSTABLE TO SERVE CIVIL PROCESS

Lawrence H. Cugini

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Eugene O. Hanson (term to expire 1958)

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

G. Murray Burke

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Wilfrid N. Derby

VETERANS' AGENT

Edward M. Dickson

BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Henry Wheeler III (term to expire 1958)

Associate Members:

Walter H. Trumbull (term to expire 1958)

Raymond L. Clapp (term to expire 1956) to fill vacancy
caused by resignation of C. Frederic Edgerton)**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Emma F. Ripley

FOREST WARDEN

Maurice L. Upham

BALLOT CLERKS

Marie L. Tilton

John A. Cain

ELECTION OFFICERS

Mary R. Berry

John Harte

TELLERS

Dorothea B. Cugini

Elsie C. Cunningham

Irene A. Havey

Florence P. Hastings

Hazel W. Funderburk

Charles E. MacLeod

Harold R. Stevens

Lois S. Colpitts

Hildur I. Mosher

Charlotte E. Robinson

Bernice H. Cahill

John J. Cronin

Barbara A. Carlson

Yvonne M. Jacques

Annie E. Barbetti

Mary G. Viles

Mary E. Cain

Warren E. Vittum

Helen W. Blake

Mary McMahon

Beatrice Miller

Margaret H. Allen

John J. Lawless, Jr.

Edward J. Harding

May F. Stevens

Thelma J. Hansen

Rose B. Morse

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Paul R. Allen

Philip Cassidy

John L. Duffy

J. Robert Ayers

Raymond W. Coburn

E. Olsen Field

Benjamin S. Blake

Fred J. Cunningham

Charles M. Ganson

Edward C. Briggs

Wilfrid N. Derby

Eugene O. Hanson

Roland L. Bumpus

Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.

Dorothy S. Hartel

John A. Cain

Edward M. Dickson

Bartholomew Kelly

Joseph MacDonald	Leander F. Rafuse	Maurice L. Upham
Charles E. MacLeod	Alfred F. Raynor, Jr.	Warren E. Vittum
Winfred A. Martin	Jeremiah Sliney	Stanley Warren
Adam M. McClay	Charles L. Smith	Olney W. Washburn
Horace P. Morton	Reginald W. Stevens	Frank H. Whelpley
Harold A. Ogilvie	Charles H. Stimpson,	Parker Williams
Oscar Payne	Pickering D. Stone	Harold B. Willis
Gilbert E. Peakes	Herbert E. Tyler	

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR DUTY IN
CONNECTION WITH MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE**

Kenneth R. Drolette Albert J. White F. Wyman Johnson

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, POUND KEEPER
AND KEEPER OF LOCKUP**

J. Sumner Viles

BURIAL AGENT

VETERAN GRAVES OFFICER

Winfred A. Martin

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

J. Sumner Viles Raymond E. Ogilvie Vina MacLeod

Bernice Cahill Alden Whittemore

Harold A. Ogilvie Wilbur Upham

WEIGHERS OF CRUSHED STONE AND BITUMINOUS MATERIAL

Edgar S. Burkhardt John P. Sheehan Robert S. Burkhardt

Owen T. Hillberg Richard Robinson George M. Ferrier

Clifford C. Cooper, Jr. John J. Whelan

FIELD DRIVERS

Frederick W. Hovestad Ralph E. Bolton, Jr. Warren E. Vittum, Jr.

FENCE VIEWERS

John P. Glaws II Everett A. Grant Hamilton G. Reilly

APPOINTMENT BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

AND THE TOWN CLERK

Leonard H. Dowse (to fill vacancy caused
by resignation of John G. Brooks)

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(for three years)

J. Kenneth Bennett Stanley G. French Robert A. Warren

WESTON WAR MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND

Julius H. Mueller (term to expire 1960)

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Mrs. John F. Callinan A. Kent Herring Carlton E. Vanderwarker

Edward M. Dickson Julius H. Mueller, Jr.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT

ON MATTER OF TOWN FOREST

John Chipman Gray Dr. William A. Elliston Harrison S. Ripley
Aimo H. Teittinen

WESTON-ROMBAS AFFILIATION COMMITTEE

To represent the Education Institutions of Weston for a term of one year (to expire June 14, 1956):

From the Weston High School faculty: Martin Martinian

From the Weston High School student body: Daniel Bump
Nancy Nichols

From Regis College student body: Margaret Lamoureux

From the Cambridge School faculty: Hildegrade S. Washburn

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1958):

Mrs. Webb B. White

Mrs. Walter H. Stockmayer

Ralph M. Hower

For two-year term (to expire 1957):

Mrs. H. C. Crawford, Jr. (in place of

Philip D. Bassett, resigned)

For one-year term (to expire 1956):

Mrs. Francis G. Shepard (in place of

Henry W. Patterson, resigned)

COMMITTEE TO STUDY REVISION OF BUILDING BY-LAW

(Appointed under Article 19 of warrant for March 22, 1954

Annual Town Meeting)

Maurice L. Upham, Chairman

Marjorie N. Pierce

Hector J. Osmond

Walter H. Farrell

Douglas Mercer

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER OF FLUORDATION OF THE TOWN'S PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

(Appointed under Article 13 of warrant for March 22, 1954

Annual Town Meeting)

Dr. Charles A. Janeway

Dr. William T Van Huysen

Dr. L. C. Christopher

Carl E. Anderson

James T. Mountz

COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE OBSERVANCE OF UNITED NATIONS DAY IN 1955

(Appointed under resolution adopted at Annual Town Meeting
held March 22, 1954)

Edward M. Dickson

Mrs. J. Phillip Lane

Reverend Robert W. Huston

Mrs. Wayne D. Wetzel

Reverend Joseph O'Donnell

A. Kent Herring

Mrs. David Blaney

Charles B. Cutter

Mrs. E. Olsen Field

Philip D. Bassett

Julius H. Mueller, Jr.

Victor C. Harnish

Miss Mildred Marble

Mrs. John Callinan

Mrs. Lewis Mustard

Mrs. John Meyers

Mrs. Stephen Tyng

JURY LIST 1955-56

Margaret H. Allen	242 Merriam Street	Husband owner of Waltham Dental Laboratory, Waltham
Hjalmar W. Anderson	294 Glen Road	Wool Merchant, Deering Anderson Co., 232 Summer St., Boston
Blanche C. Bartlett	234 Boston Post Rd.	Housewife
Philip D. Bassett	Lexington Street	Director Disaster Service and Gen. Field Rep., Boston Chapter American Red Cross.
Richard P. Berry	22 Conant Road	Salesmanager, J.M. Rattray & Co., 105 Newbury St., Boston 16
Charles E. Bevelander	255 Conant Road	Self-employed, Plumbing Heating Contracting, 112 Brighton Ave., Allston 34, Boston
Francis H. Brooks	15 Farm Road	Trust banking, Second Bank-State Street Trust Company, 11 Franklin St., Boston
George E. Buckminster	155 Conant Road	Vice Pres. H. Newton Marshall Co., 522 Harrison Ave., Boston. Pres., G.E. Buckminster & Co. 282 Water St., Augusta, Maine
William G. Burt, Jr.	51 Doublet Hill Rd.	Engineer, General Communication Co., 677 Beacon Street, Boston 15
Natalie G. Coburn	119 Church Street	Husband Textile Technologist, Research & Development Command, Quartermaster Corps, Natick
Horace W. Cole	32 Gypsy Trail	Banker, Sec. Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., 100 Franklin St., Boston
Willis L. Conn	51 Fairview Road	Presently unemployed. Last occupation Vice Pres.-Gen. Manager, Rex Corporation, West Acton
Julio Correa	63 Ash Street	Asst.V.P., American Mutual Liability Ins. Co., 142 Berkeley St., Boston
Joel B. Covington	25 Applecrest Road	Accounting Clerk, Socony Mobil Oil Co., 648 Beacon St., Boston
Alfred R. Crampton	195 Conant Road	Manager, Weeden & Co., 24 Milk Street, Boston
Malcolm S. Currier	426 North Avenue	Letter Carrier, Post Office, Waltham
James C. Davis	131 Newton Street	Sales Prom. Mgr. R. H. Stearns Co., Boston
Gerard R. DeNapoli	27 Brook Road	Chemical Engineer, Masury-Young Co., 76 Roland St., Boston 29
Robert E. Dickerman	65 Newton Street	Real Estate Salesman, J. I. Connolly, Realtor, 462 Boston Post Rd., Weston
John J. Eibye, Jr.	18 Brook Road	Product Planning Mgr. Raytheon Mfg. Co., Waltham
Roswell G. Eldridge	62 Brook Road	Director of Marketing Research H. P. Hood & Sons, 500 Rutherford Ave., Charlestown
Albert P. Everts, Jr.	266 Glen Road	Investment Broker -Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis

Howard M. Forbes	87 Church Street	Purchasing Agent, Instrumentation Lab., Mass. Institute of Technology,
John H. Forte	47 School Street	Wool Buyer, Salesman, Forte. Dupee, Sawyer Co., 311 Sumner St., Boston
John W. Frost	1 Aberdeen Road	Sales Engineer, The Stanley Works, New Britian, Conn.
Halcott G. Grant	180 Merriam Street	Sales Engineer, United Carr Fastener Corp., Cambridge
Marion M. Green	811 Boston Post Road	Husband Automobile Mechanic Atlantic Filling Station, Wayland
J. Ernest Gwilliam	12 Montvale Road	Asst. Treasurer, Negeea Service Corp., 727 Mass. Ave., Cambridge
Leonard E. Hall	242 Glen Road	Store Manager, R.H. White Co., 518 Washington St., Boston
Marjorie F. Harrington	37 Chiltern Road	Husband Attorney-at-law, self-employed, 11 Beacon St., Boston
Edward P. Hartmann	15 Ferndale Road	Production and Research Executive, Ludlow Mfg. & Sales Co. Needham
William Hoblitzell, III	83 Woodchester Dr.	Tennis Coach, Free Lance
Jean A. Holland	96 Conant Road	Husband Proprietor Advertising Agency, Richard P. Holland Co. 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston
Gordon G. Howie	211 Newton Street	V.P. & Gen. Man., Cambridge Gas Co., 303 Third St., Cambridge 42
Helen E. Johnson	110 North Avenue	Husband Comptroller, N.E. Gas & Elec. System 727 Mass. Ave., Camb.
Donald M. King	19 Byron Road	President, Masury-Young Co., 76 Roland Street, Boston 29
Arthur Lane, Jr.	1 North Avenue	Steamship Agent, Peabody & Lane, Inc., 131 State Street, Boston
John P. Larkin	24 Nash Lane	Vice President, Wetherell Bros. Co., 251 Albany St., Cambridge
Robert F. Larsen	47 Fairview Road	Pharmaceutical Consultant, Arthur D. Little, Inc. 30 Memorial Dr., Cambridge
Gerard Leone	271 Merriam Street	Self-employed General Contractor, 271 Merriam St., Weston
Marie E. Lewis	200 Boston Post Rd.	Husband Teacher, M.I.T.
Vernon M. Mattson, Jr.	9 Newton Street	Shipper, Sales, Watertown Lumber Co., 118 Arsenal St., Watertown
7Edward A. Mooers	19 Fairview Road	Manager, Mooers Machine Co., Inc., 837 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury 20
Otis W. Murphy	543 Boston Post Rd.	Sales Representative, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2 Park Street, Boston
William H. Nichols	19 Pelham Road	V.P. and Treas., W. H. Nichols Co., 48 Woerd Ave., Waltham 54
Jasper W. Nicolls, Jr.	180 Meadowbrook Rd.	Leather Salesman, Day Gormley Leather Co., 92 South Street, Boston
Robert S. Ogilvie	445 Glen Road	Self-employed, Ogilvie Laboratory of Electroencephalography, 176 Bay State Road, Boston

Max A. Pelsue	93 Concord Road	Asst. Manager, New England Farm Supply Cooperatives Inc., 167 Albany St., Cambridge
Constance P. Pooler	88 Church Street	Saleswoman, Hathaway House Bookshop, 103 Central Street, Wellesley (Husband Salesman, Cobb Lumber Co., 199 Medford St., Charlestown)
C. Stanley Rich	262 Glen Road	Sales Manager and Asst. V. P. American Policyholders' Ins. Co., 209 Columbus Ave., Boston
John R. Ruddell	268 Merriam Street	Director of Agencies, Mass. Casualty Ins. Co., Boston
Ridgley G. Shepard	17 Doublet Hill Rd.	Chemist, Dennison Mfg. Co., Framingham, Mass.
L. Whitman Smith	17 Conant Road	Admin. Asst. to Vice Pres. and Chief Engineer, Hycon Eastern Inc., 75 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge
Peter T. Spottiswoode	6 Columbine Rd.	Quality Control Technician, Sherman Paper Products Inc., Newton
Robert A. Stauffer	16 Montvale Road	Vic Pres. and Director of Research, National Research Corp., 70 Memorial Dr., Cambridge
Reginald W. Stevens	66 Summer Street	Part-time maintenance man, Newton-Waltham Bank, Weston; part-time sexton, St. Peter's Church, Weston
Wallace Strathern	57 Dean Road	Director of Training and Asst. Director of Industrial Relations, Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso., 250 Stuart St., Boston
Marvin W. Sweeny, Jr.	231 Merriam Street	Research Engineer and Graduate Student, M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass.
James V. Toner	77 Chestnut Street	Gen. Man., Moto-Power Equipment Corp., 280 Bridge St., Dedham
Eben Wallace	47 Ash Street	Gen. Man. & Treas., Standard Rivet Co., 71A St., South Boston
Edmond H. White	26 Columbine Rd.	General Contractor, Richard White & Sons, Inc., 70 Crescent St., West Newton
Claire S. Woodman	4 Aberdeen Road	Husband Salesman, Field Machinery Co., 300 Binney St., Cambridge
Thruston Wright, Jr.	32 Conant Road	Manufacturer (self employed) Crest Laboratories, Inc. 31 State St., Boston, Mass.

JURORS DRAWN

Traverse Jurors

Gerard Leone	Charles J. Precourt	John P. Larkin
Clifford E. Stubbs	William G. Leiser	Max A. Pelsue
Edgard W. Pitt	John E. Begley	Edgar R. St. Germain

Grand Juror

Robert F. Larsen

Criminal Juror

Lois S. Colpitts

STATISTICS

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Population										
Number of Voters	2563	2384	2665	2,519	5,026	2,585	3308	2,973	3,132	6,257
Number of Assessed Polls	1619	1571	1513	1,544	2,676	1,695	1787	1,811	1,862	2,000
Number of Dwelling Houses	1024	1037	1067	1,149	1,608	1,280	1347	1,439	1,618	1,618
§School Membership (average)	650	701	694	739	795	874	1,011	1,101	1,183	1,319
Valuation Real Estate	\$9,786,625.00	10,039,325.00	10,562,075.00	11,189,800.00	12,053,650.00	12,536,775.00	13,492,675.00	15,597,875.00	17,301,650.00	19,251,280.00
Valuation Personal Property	946,732.50	946,206.00	1,021,216.80	1,019,536.00	1,055,790.00	1,114,640.00	1,183,395.00	682,245.00	765,790.00	1,260,830.00
Total Assessed Valuation	\$10,733,357.50	\$10,985,531.00	\$11,583,291.80	\$12,209,336.00	\$13,109,440.00	\$13,651,415.00	\$14,676,070.00	\$16,280,120.00	\$18,067,440.00	\$20,512,110.00
State Income Tax	\$31,327.57	\$32,326.23	18,955.10	65,077.04	54,418.04	67,175.63	59,344.56	52,915.92	53,750.12	—
Corporation Tax	15,991.94	16,621.50	16,216.20	61,832.42	29,827.95	45,995.66	36,258.43	43,011.50	38,472.95	—
Gasoline Tax	12,365.99	9,488.63	9,488.63	10,920.00	—	—	—	—	—	—
Received	\$59,685.50	\$58,436.36	\$46,091.30	\$126,909.46	84,245.99	113,171.34	95,602.99	95,927.42	92,223.07	—
State Tax	\$11,900.00	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	—	6,266.77	7,636.15	9,914.83	9,787.53	10,075.47	—
Metropolitan Tax	2,870.14	3,604.58	3,768.34	3,581.40	—	—	—	—	—	—
County Tax	17,026.77	19,922.31	24,295.59	22,766.32	30,442.59	29,129.13	35,155.70	35,267.02	37,288.48	—
Paid	\$31,896.91	\$32,626.89	\$37,181.93	\$26,347.72	\$36,709.36	36,765.28	45,070.53	45,054.55	46,961.22	51,876.79
Town Debt	\$143,000	\$239,000.00	\$215,000.00	\$1,072,000.00	\$990,000.00	\$978,000.00	\$881,000.00	\$77,000.00	\$1,988,000.00	1,651,000.00
Tax Rate	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$27.50	\$30.50	\$38.50	\$33.50	\$38.70	\$40.00	\$39.00	40.00

*Includes assessments for Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital.

† 1955 State Census, 1950 Federal Census

Total area of Town—Approximately 16.8 sq. mi.

Greatest extent north and south Approx. 6 mi.

Greatest extent east and west Approx. 3.7 mi.

§School year ending June 30.

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APPENDIX

Town of Weston

Massachusetts

BUILDING CODE

Being Article VI of the By Laws of the Town of Weston as revised by vote of the Town under article 4 of the warrant for Special Town Meeting held December 12, 1955.

ARTICLE VI BUILDING CODE

Section 1. Title, Purpose and Scope

- 1.1 **Title.** This by-law shall be known and referred to as the Building Code.
- 1.2 **Purpose.** The purpose of this code is to accomplish all lawful objects of a town building by-law.
- 1.3 **Scope.** Subject to statutes providing for "alternatives" to the requirements of this code, no town or private building or structure within the limits of the Town shall be constructed, placed, altered, repaired, demolished, removed or used unless in conformity with this code.
- 1.4 **Prior Permits.** Work may be done under any permit issued prior to the effective date of this code only if begun within six months after the date of such permit and if completed with due diligence and in any event within two years after the date of such permit.
- 1.5 **Construction.** The titles of sections are inserted for convenience only and shall not be considered in construing this code. Invalidity of any provision of this code shall not affect the validity of any other provision hereof.

Section 2. The Inspector of Buildings.

- 2.1 **Appointment.** The Board of Selectmen shall annually on or before April 1, appoint an Inspector of Buildings (the "Inspector") and a Deputy Inspector of Buildings (the "Deputy Inspector") for a term of one year. The Inspector and the Deputy Inspector shall each hold office until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. The Inspector and the Deputy Inspector shall have had sufficient training and engineering experience to fulfill their respective duties.
- 2.2 **Deputy Inspector.** The Deputy Inspector shall assist the Inspector and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Inspector in case the office of Inspector is vacant or he is absent or disabled.
- 2.3 **Assistants.** With the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the Inspector may employ such assistants (in addition to the Deputy Inspector) as may be required to perform his duties.
- 2.4 **General Duties and Powers.** Except as otherwise provided herein, the Inspector is charged with the duty and shall have authority to enforce observance of this code. He shall also have the duties and powers given him by other laws relative to buildings and structures in the town. The Inspector shall also be the Inspector of Wires of the Town and as such shall perform all duties and exercise all powers of a town inspector of wires.

The Inspector shall report to the owner of any structure and to the Town Board of Health any unsanitary conditions which may come to his attention.

2.5 Conflict of Interest. Neither the Inspector nor the Deputy Inspector nor any of their assistants shall act with respect to any matter in which they have a financial or other interest. In the event both the Inspector and the Deputy Inspector have an interest in a matter to be acted upon, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a suitable person to act as Inspector with respect to such matter.

2.6 Office and Records. The Town shall provide the Inspector with a suitable office for the performance of his duties, including space for keeping his records, drawings and other documents. The Inspector shall keep and retain copies of all applications and plans, permits, certificates, orders, notices, receipts and other documents relating to the performance of his duties. He shall also maintain a record of all inspections, expenses and other matters relating to the performance of his duties.

The Inspector shall furnish a copy of this code to any person requesting one. He shall maintain, for examination by interested persons, copies of all decisions of the Board of Appeals relating to this code, of all publications referred to herein and of all laws of the Commonwealth and regulations issued thereunder relating to the construction, alteration, repair, demolition and removal of buildings.

Each permit, certificate, order and notice issued by the Inspector shall bear the date of its issuance, a serial number (which shall be identical on all documents relating to the same matter), and a notation of the location of the building or structure which, where possible, shall be by street and number.

The Inspector shall keep a record of the classification and proposed use of every building and structure with respect to which he shall issue a permit or certificate. Such record shall include the location, by street and number where possible, of the building or structure and its height, width, depth and cubical content, as well as the size of the lot upon which it is located and its position thereon.

The Inspector shall maintain an appropriate record of all violations of this code known to him. Such record shall include the names of the owner and occupant, the architect or designer, the builder and the violation involved.

No copies of any plans or specifications filed with the Inspector shall be made without the consent of all interested persons except as may be necessary in connection with any proceedings before the Board of Appeals or any court or elsewhere and except as may be ordered by the Board of Selectmen in connection with the preservation or storing of the records of the Inspector.

2.7 Errors or Omissions. No error or omission on the part of the Inspector or his assistants shall authorize or allow any violation of this code.

- 2.8 Plot Plans.** After the foundation of the building has been constructed, an engineer's or surveyor's plot plan shall be furnished the Town Engineer. The plan shall show the size of the building, the shortest distance from each lot line to the nearest point of the building to that lot line and the shortest distance from the street line to the nearest part of the building to that street line. It must also show the width of the street at the point where the setback distance is given. This plan shall be made by an accredited engineer or land surveyor and include a statement that all distances are correct, such statement to be signed by the engineer or surveyor who prepared the plan.

Section 3. Definitions.

In this code the following terms shall have the following meanings. Words used in the present tense include the future as well as the present; the singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular; the masculine includes the feminine and the neuter; the word "person" includes a trust, corporation or partnership as well as an individual; "writing" includes printed or typewritten matter.

Alterations: A change, addition or modification in construction.

Area of Building: The maximum horizontal projected area above the ground, including exterior walls, one or more of which may be party walls and including covered porches but excluding terraces, steps, and cornices.

Attic: The unfinished space above the ceiling of the top story of a pitched roof building where the maximum height exceeds 6 feet. An attic shall not be counted as a story provided said space is not designed for occupancy by persons.

Basement: That portion of a building which is partly below and partly above grade, the ceiling of which is more than 4 feet above grade.

Bathroom: An enclosed space containing one or more bathtubs or showers, or both, and which may also contain water closets, lavatories, or fixtures serving similar purposes.

Building: A combination of materials having a roof and forming a shelter for persons, animals or property. The word "building" shall be construed where the context allows as though followed by the words "or part or parts thereof".

Building Line: Line established by law beyond which no part of a building, other than parts expressly permitted, shall extend.

Cellar: That space of a building which is partly or entirely below grade, which has more than half of its height,

measured from floor to ceiling, below the average established curb level or finished grade to the ground adjoining the building.

Construction Classifications: See Section 8.1 of this code.

Dormitory: A building providing sleeping quarters for more than three persons in connection with a school, college, hospital, monastery or other like institution.

Dwelling or Dwelling Unit: One of more rooms with provision for living, cooking, sanitary, and sleeping facilities.

Flat Roof: A roof that pitches not more than three inches to the foot.

Footing: That part of a masonry foundation resting directly on the ground.

Garage: A building or part thereof in which one or more motor vehicles containing volatile flammable fluids in their fuel tanks are stored, housed, or kept.

Lintel: A beam or girder over an opening in a wall which supports the construction above.

Ordinary Repairs: See Section 4.5 of this code.

Removal: The change of a location of a building or structure on the same lot or onto a different lot without demolishing it.

Skylight: A glazed structure covering an opening in a roof allowing for the admission of light.

Span of Beam: The distance from center to center of its supports.

Structure: A combination of materials assembled at a fixed location to give support or shelter, such as a building, framework, retaining wall, tent, reviewing stand, platform, bin, fence, sign, flagpole, mast for radio antenna or the like. The word "structure" shall be construed where the context allows as though followed by the words "or part or parts thereof".

Walls:

Bearing Wall: A wall which supports any load other than its own weight.

Curtain Wall: A non-bearing wall more than one story in height between columns or piers and which is not supported by girders or beams.

Exterior Wall: The enclosing wall of a building other than a party wall.

Fire Wall: A wall of brick, concrete or reinforced concrete which by starting at the foundation and extending continuously through all stories to and through the roof sub-divides a building to prevent the spread of fire.

Parapet Wall: A wall or that part of any wall entirely above the roof line.

Retaining Wall: A wall used to resist lateral displacement of any material.

Section 4. Permits and Certificates.

4.1 **Requirement of Permit.** No building or structure shall be constructed, placed, altered, repaired, demolished, or removed until a permit shall have been issued therefor by the Inspector. This Section 4.1 shall not apply to ordinary repairs as defined in this code.

4.2 **Application for Permit.** An application for a permit shall cover only work immediately contemplated. It shall be made by the owner of the premises personally or in his name and behalf by his authorized representative; and if not made by him personally the Inspector may require his personal approval in writing. It shall be filed in duplicate on an appropriate blank furnished by the Inspector, and shall be accompanied by such plans, structural detail drawings, specifications, computations, and estimates of cost, as the Inspector may require. It shall give the full name, residence and business address of the owner. It shall state the intended use of the premises. It shall be accompanied by a diagram of the lot showing the exact location thereon of all proposed buildings or structures, as well as all existing structures that are to remain. If any existing building or structure or part thereof is to be removed or demolished, it shall be so stated in the application. The Inspector shall not be required to act on an application until the application shall be complete in conformity to the foregoing provisions and the two weeks' period provided by Section 4.3 for his action thereon shall not commence to run until such completion thereof.

Applications for amendments to an original application may be made at any time before the completion of the proposed work, and all amendments, if and when approved by the Inspector, shall be a part of the original application.

All applications, plans and other papers deposited by an applicant with the Inspector shall be dated and signed by the Inspector as soon as received. Drawings and specifications required by the Inspector for temporary examination only shall be returned to the applicant on issuance or denial of a permit. All other papers shall be retained by the Inspector.

4.3 **Permit.** The Inspector shall act on a complete application conforming to Section 4.2 within two weeks after having it in hand, and failure on his part so to act shall be considered to be a decision denying the permit applied for. The Inspector shall issue the permit for the work immediately contemplated by such an application if such work is in conformity to this code, to the zoning by-law and to all other laws, but not otherwise unless pursuant to statutes providing for "alternatives" to the requirements of this code; provided, that no permit shall be issued contrary to any directive made to the Inspector by the Planning Board under the subdivision control law

or otherwise. If a permit is denied, the Inspector shall give to the applicant prompt notice of the denial with a statement of the reasons therefor.

Each permit shall be on a printed form furnished by the Inspector, and shall be issued to the owner of the premises. It shall state a date not more than six months from the date of issue before which the work authorized shall be begun, and shall become void on the date so stated if then the work shall not have been begun. It shall state the purpose for which the building or structure is designed to be used. A copy of the permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises before any work is done and until the work is completed. If the permit is revoked, such copy shall be removed.

Work once seasonably commenced under a permit shall be prosecuted to completion in good faith and with reasonable diligence.

The Inspector shall charge and collect a fee for each permit issued by him respecting residential property in an amount equal to \$1.00 for each \$1,000., or portion thereof, of the estimated cost of the work to be done, and for each permit issued by him respecting business or industrial property, in an amount equal to \$2.00 for each \$1,000., or portion thereof, of the estimated cost of the work to be done. The minimum fee for any permit shall be \$3.00. There shall be no fee for permits issued to the Town.

- 4.4 **Revocation of Permit.** The Inspector may revoke any permit by reason of misrepresentation of or failure to state any material fact in the application therefor, or by reason of the doing of work in violation of the terms of the permit or of any law, or by reason of failure to prosecute the work as required above. He shall mail or deliver written notice of such revocation to the owner. No work shall be carried on after the revocation of the permit therefor until the cause for revocation shall have been cured and the permit shall have been reissued by the Inspector.
- 4.5 **Ordinary Repairs Defined.** As used in this code, the term "ordinary repairs" includes, unless the context otherwise indicates, any alteration or repair of an existing building or structure which does not involve the removal or cutting away of any part of a bearing wall or of a beam or support, the removal, change or closing of a staircase, the alteration of or addition to any soil, waste or vent pipe, or any alteration made for the purpose of converting into a dwelling a building or structure constructed or previously used for a different purpose.
- 4.6 **Temporary and Small Buildings and Structures.** For the purposes of this Section 4.6, a temporary building or structure is one (other than a small building or structure described below) which shall not be maintained for longer than a period to be specified in writing by the Inspector in granting the permit for its construction or placing or by subsequent extension, but not exceeding, as originally specified or as extended, two years after the

date of such permit. Respecting a temporary building or structure, the Inspector in his discretion may waive the requirements of this code as to materials and methods of construction to such extent as he thinks consistent with safety and health. Upon expiration of the period allowed, as above provided, for the maintenance of a temporary building or structure as to which there shall have been such a waiver by the Inspector, it shall be promptly demolished or removed from the premises by the owner thereof, and the Inspector may require reasonable security for its demolition or removal.

For the purposes of this Section 4.6, a small building or structure is one having only one story and not more than one hundred square feet of floor space, which may be maintained for a certain period only, or permanently, as specified in writing by the Inspector in granting the permit for its construction or placing, or subsequently. Respecting a small building or structure, the Inspector in his discretion may waive the requirements of this code as to materials and methods of construction to such extent as he thinks consistent with safety and health. Upon expiration of any period allowed, as above provided, for the maintenance of a small building or structure as to which there shall have been such a waiver by the Inspector, it shall be promptly demolished or removed from the premises by the owner thereof, and the Inspector may require reasonable security for its demolition or removal.

- 4.7 Certificate of Occupancy.** No person shall occupy any building or structure hereafter constructed or placed unless a certificate of occupancy for the same shall have been granted.

The owner or representative of the owner of any building or structure for which a permit for construction or placing has been granted shall, upon completion of the work authorized by the permit, notify the Inspector thereof. The Inspector, promptly after receipt of such notice, shall inspect the building or structure. If the work authorized by the permit has been properly completed, he shall issue a certificate of occupancy to the owner specifying that the building or structure may be occupied for the purposes stated in the permit.

- 4.8 Change of Use.** The use to which any building or structure now or hereafter existing shall be put shall not be changed unless a certificate of change of use permitting the proposed use has been obtained from the Inspector. The Inspector, upon application for such a certificate by the owner, shall issue it to him if the proposed use is in conformity to law.

Section 5. Board of Appeals

- 5.1 General.** The Board of Appeals established under the zoning by-law shall also act as a Board of Appeals under this code.

The Board may adopt rules, not inconsistent with this code, for calling and holding its meetings and hearings and otherwise conducting its business hereunder.

The Board shall keep an appropriate record of all its doings under this code, and shall file a copy of such record with the Town Clerk.

A variance of this code shall be granted only by a unanimous decision of all the members of the Board. Any other action by the Board may be by a majority of its members.

- 5.2 Appeals.** An appeal to the Board may be taken from any order or decision of the Inspector by any person aggrieved thereby or by any officer, board or committee of the Town.

An appeal to the Board shall be taken within ten days after the date of the order or decision appealed from, by filing with the Board a claim of appeal specifying the grounds thereof.

In acting on an appeal, the Board may, in conformity to law, affirm or reverse in whole or in part, or modify, the order or decision from which the appeal was taken, and may make any appropriate direction; and the Inspector shall promptly act in accordance with the Board's decision.

A properly taken appeal from the issuance of any permit or certificate by the Inspector shall suspend the taking effect of such permit or certificate pending the decision of the Board on the appeal.

- 5.3 Variances.** The Board, upon an appeal or upon an original application, may grant a variance of this code in specific instances where unusual buildings or structures or circumstances are involved or where a literal enforcement of this code would involve practical difficulties or substantial hardship, and where desirable relief may be granted without substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this code.

In granting a variance, the Board may impose reasonable limitations, conditions and safeguards and may require reasonable security for their observance.

- 5.4 Hearings.** Before taking any action on an appeal or on an original application for a variance, the Board shall hold a public hearing thereon within a reasonable time and shall give at least five days' notice of the hearing by publishing a notice in an official publication of or a newspaper of general circulation in the Town and by mailing a notice to the appellant or applicant, to the Inspector, and to such other persons as the Board shall think advisable.

Upon receipt of notice of an appeal, the Inspector shall forthwith transmit to the Board all documents, papers and plans relating to the subject matter of the appeal.

- 5.5 **Decisions.** The Board shall decide any matter so heard within a reasonable time after the hearing and shall set forth in its records with its decision the grounds thereof. It shall furnish the Inspector a copy of the decision and of such grounds, and shall mail notice of the decision to the other persons to whom notice of the hearing was mailed, and also to any person present at the hearing who shall then request notice of the decision and state his name and address therefor.
- 5.6 **Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk shall be an agent of the Board for the purpose of filing with it claims of appeal and original applications for variances.

Section 6. Penalty.

6. **Penalty.** The penalty for violation of this code shall be a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence.

Section 7. General Requirements.

- 7.1 **Safety.** All work shall be performed in such manner that the workmen and the public shall be protected from injury and property shall be protected from damage. No temporary structure, building material or rubbish shall be left on a sidewalk, street or highway except by a permit from the Selectmen.
- 7.2 **Quality of Materials.** All materials shall be of suitable quality for the purpose for which they are intended to be used. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the standards of quality, strength and durability contained in this code are minimum standards.
- 7.3 **Details of Workmanship.** The strength of materials and allowable unit stresses provided in this code are based upon the standards of quality prescribed for the respective materials referred to herein, and upon the assumption that all workmanship shall be in conformity with generally accepted practice.
- 7.4 **Minimum Loads.**
- 7.4.1 **Floor Loads.** Floors shall be designed and constructed safely to support the greatest loads that probably will be produced by the intended occupancy or use of the building or structure involved, provided that the minimum live loads to be considered as uniformly distributed and to be provided for shall be not less than those given in the following tables:
- | Occupancy or Use | Live Load
Lb. per Sq. Ft. |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dwellings | 40 |
| Public Stairways | 100 |
| Assembly Halls | 100 |
| Offices | 80 |
| Stores and Light Manufacturing | 125 |
- 7.4.2 **Roof Loads.** Roofs, either flat or pitched, shall be designed and constructed for a minimum load, including snow, of

at least 30 pounds per square foot of horizontal projection in addition to the dead load, and in addition to the wind load.

- 7.4.3 Wind Loads.** Buildings and structures shall be designed and constructed to withstand horizontal wind pressure of at least 35 pounds per square foot allowing for wind from any direction.
- 7.4.4 General.** Where not specifically covered by this code, buildings and other structures shall be designed and constructed to conform to the "Minimum Design Loads in Buildings and Other Structures" designated as American Standard A 58.1-1945, and approved June 19, 1945 by the American Standards Association.

Section 8. Construction Classifications.

- 8.1 Buildings.** Buildings and structures shall be classified as:
1. First Class Construction—Structures in which the walls, partitions, columns, floors and roof are of masonry, reinforced concrete or other non-combustible material with sufficient fire resistance to withstand the effects of fire and prevent its spread from story to story.
 2. Second Class Construction—Structures with walls of masonry or reinforced concrete or other non-combustible material, and having interior structural elements wholly or partly of wood or steel not protected as required for first class construction.
 3. Third Class Construction—Structures of frame construction having exterior walls wholly or partly of wood, and floor construction of wood; or structures with wooden framework veneered with brick, stone, terracotta, or concrete, or covered with plaster, stucco, or sheet metal, and floor construction of wood.
- 8.2** Every building hereafter erected and every extension of a building hereafter constructed shall be of first class construction if it:
- (a) has more than two stories and is to be used as a hotel, theatre, motion picture house, jail, hospital or asylum; or
 - (b) has space above the first floor for public assembly exceeding 2,500 square feet in floor area; or
 - (c) has space for public assembly above the second floor; or
 - (d) is over 60 feet in height.

Every other building hereafter erected and every extension of a building hereafter constructed shall be of second class construction except as provided in the next paragraph of this section 8.2.

Dwellings, accessory buildings, and temporary and small buildings and structures of the type referred to in Section 4.6 of this code may be of third class construction. In addition, any building of third class construction now

being used as a public building, store, office building, factory or mercantile establishment may be altered without change of classification if it is to be used for the same purpose, **provided, however,** that any extension of any such building shall be separated from the old building by such fire resisting material as may be approved by the Inspector.

Section 9. Excavations.

- 9.1 **General.** All excavations for buildings shall be properly fenced or otherwise protected so as to prevent danger to life or limb, and shall be sheathe-piled when necessary to prevent the surrounding earth from caving in.
- 9.2 **Excavations Adjoining Other Structures.** Excavations which may affect adjoining structures and property shall be made in such manner as shall preserve such structures and property in as safe a condition as before the excavation was commenced and shall, when necessary, be underpinned and supported by proper foundations.
- 9.3 **Width of Excavation.** Excavations for foundation walls shall be at least six inches beyond the outside face of the wall. All excavations shall be at least six inches clear of foundation walls and no back filling shall be done until approved by the Inspector.

Section 10. Foundations.

- 10.1 **Soil Tests.** When a doubt arises as to the sustaining power of the soil upon which it is proposed to construct, alter or repair a building or structure, or if it is desired to exceed the load set forth in Section 10.2, the Inspector may direct that soil borings or tests be made by and at the expense of the owner of the proposed building or structure to determine the sustaining power of the soil. The Inspector shall be notified of the time any such borings or tests are to be made so that he may be present in person or by representative. A complete record of the test shall be filed with the Inspector.
- 10.2 **Soil Pressure Bearing Values.** When no soil tests are required, the area of footings shall be proportioned so that the load per square foot shall not exceed those given in the following table:

Soft clay or silt	1 ton
Wet sand	2 tons
Firm clay	2 tons
Sand and clay mixed or in layers	2 tons
Fine, dry sand	3 tons
Coarse sand	4 tons
Gravel	6 tons
Hard pan	10 tons
Hard rock	20 tons

In case a building or structure rests partly on rock or hardpan and partly on some other soil, the bearing capa-

city of the soil which is not rock or hardpan shall be taken at not more than one-half of the capacity given in the foregoing table.

- 10.3 **Filled Ground.** No foundation of a building or structure shall be placed on filled ground until the Inspector has fixed, by test or inspection, the safe sustaining power of the ground.
- 10.4 **Depth.** The footings or base of exterior foundation walls and piers shall be carried down at least 4 feet below the adjoining ground surface exposed to freezing or down to solid ledge if the latter appears within such minimum depth.
- 10.5 **Footings.**
 - 10.5.1 Footings of concrete shall be placed under the foundation walls of all first and second class buildings. Such footings shall be at least 6 inches wider than the foundation wall and at least 12 inches thick.
 - 10.5.2 Concrete footings projecting at least 6 inches on each side shall be placed under all chimneys and shall be at least 12 inches thick.
 - 10.5.3 Concrete footings projecting at least 4 inches on each side shall be placed under all foundation walls constructed of hollow or solid concrete masonry units or blocks and shall be at least 6 inches thick.
 - 10.5.4 The projection of plain concrete footings beyond the face of foundation walls, piers, chimneys, or similar support structures shall not exceed one-half the footing depth unless adequate reinforcement is provided.
 - 10.5.5 Lally columns shall have concrete footings at least 24 inches square and 12 inches thick.
- 10.6 **Minimum Requirements.**
 - 10.6.1 Each foundation wall of a masonry building shall be at least 4 inches thicker than the wall it supports.
 - 10.6.2 Foundation walls of frame buildings which are veneered with masonry shall be at least 12 inches thick.
 - 10.6.3 Foundation walls of garages, porches and outbuildings shall be at least 8 inches thick.
 - 10.6.4 Rubble stone foundation walls shall be at least 18 inches thick at the top and 24 inches thick at the bottom, but if they exceed 8 feet in height they shall be at least 24 inches thick at the top and 30 inches at the bottom.
 - 10.6.5 The top of foundation walls shall extend at least 6 inches above the finished grade.
 - 10.6.6 Wooden buildings not exceeding one story in height and not used as dwellings may be erected upon masonry or concrete piers.
 - 10.6.7 Foundation walls over 9 feet in height shall be increased 1 inch in thickness for every foot or fractional part thereof in excess of 9 feet.

- 10.6.8 Foundations shall be sufficiently in excess of the minimum requirements of this code to resist lateral pressure if required by the characteristics of the adjoining soil. Where suitable drainage is not available, the lateral pressure shall include the hydrostatic pressure of ground water, the height of which shall be assumed to be equal to the finished grade.
- 10.6.9 Poured concrete foundation walls for dwellings two stories in height or less shall be at least 10 inches thick. For buildings other than dwellings and for dwellings in excess of two stories in height, poured concrete foundations shall be at least 12 inches thick.
- 10.6.10 Masonry unit foundation walls for other than garages, porches and outbuildings shall be at least 12 inches thick.
- 10.6.11 The top 16 inches of hollow masonry unit foundations for framed buildings shall be filled solidly with concrete and shall include suitable provisions for anchoring of sills.
- 10.6.12 Exterior chimneys shall be carried to the same depth as exterior foundation walls and shall be suitably bonded to the same.
- 10.6.13 Piers shall be at least 12 inches square and shall rest on footings of stone or concrete at least 24 inches square and 12 inches deep. Piers of hollow masonry units shall be filled with concrete.
- 10.7 **Materials.** Foundation walls and piers shall be constructed of concrete, suitable load bearing masonry units, or rough quarry, field or cut stone. Hollow or solid masonry units made with cinder or other ash aggregate and commonly known as "Cinder Blocks" shall not be used in any foundation wall or pier.
- 10.8 **Porches and Bay Windows.** Porches and bay windows supported from the ground shall have suitable foundations or be supported by steel columns on piers carried to the minimum depth for foundations.
- 10.9 **Supports.** Supports for girders in the basement of any building shall be of steel or lally columns, or piers of concrete or solid load-bearing masonry units. Wood posts shall not be used.
- 10.10 **Concrete Foundation Forms.** Poured concrete foundations shall not be constructed without the use of suitable forms for both sides of the walls. Forms shall be substantial and unyielding, tight enough to prevent leakage, clean and cleared of all debris before receiving concrete. Forms shall be so constructed as to permit easy inspection and shall not be filled until authorized by the Inspector. The builder shall notify the Inspector at least 24 hours in advance of the time when an inspection is needed. Forms shall not be stripped for 60 hours after filling with concrete and then only with the permission of the Inspector.

- 10.11 **Reference Standard.** Foundation work not specifically covered by this code shall be designed and constructed to conform to the "American Standard Building Code Requirements for Excavations and Foundations," designated as American Standard A56.1—1952 and approved July 2, 1952 by the American Standards Association.

Section 11. Masonry Construction.

- 11.1 **General.** Where not specifically covered by this code, masonry materials and construction shall conform to the standards and requirements set forth in the "American Standard Building Code Requirements for Masonry" designated as American Standard A41.1—1953 and approved September 28, 1953 by the American Standards Association.
- 11.2 **Minimum Load Bearing Wall Thickness.** Bearing walls shall be at least 8 inches for one story buildings. Other wall bearing thicknesses shall meet the requirements of Section 11.1 of this code.
- 11.3 **Protection Against Freezing.** Masonry shall be protected against freezing for at least 48 hours after being laid. Unless adequate precautions against freezing are taken, masonry work shall not be done when the temperature at the place where the work is in progress is below 32F on a rising temperature, or below 40F on a falling temperature. Frozen material shall not be built upon.
- 11.4 **Concrete Masonry Unit Walls Above Grade.** Concrete masonry unit walls above grade and over 8 feet high shall include metal ties or reinforcement every four courses or be suitably braced by buttresses or partitions. Where walls carry through more than one story they shall be anchored to the floor joists.
- 11.5 **Masonry Veneer.** Masonry veneer applied to walls of framed structures shall rest directly upon the masonry foundation. It shall be tied to the frame at least every 16 inches vertically and at least 24 inches horizontally.
- 11.6 **Stucco.** Metal lath for stucco on frame structures shall be galvanized wire lath.
- 11.7 **Fire Walls.** Fire walls shall be constructed of approved brick or of reinforced concrete at least 8 inches thick and shall also conform with the provisions of Section 15.2 of this code.
- 11.8 **Retaining Walls.** Retaining walls shall be constructed to resist the pressures of the retained material, including both the dead and live loads to which they may be subjected. Unless adequate drainage is provided which will drain the backfill under all conditions, a hydrostatic pressure due to a head of water equal to the height of the wall shall be assumed.
- 11.9 **Fireplaces** and similar construction intended for burning fuel in open fires shall be designed and constructed of noncombustible material, shall be stable and structurally

safe and shall be connected to chimneys in conformity with the requirements set forth in section 11.10 of this code. The open cross-sectional area of the flue shall be at least 10 per cent of the fireplace opening.

11.10 Chimneys, Flues, and Gasvents shall be constructed so as to satisfy the following requirements:

- a.) Chimneys, flues, gasvents and their supports shall be designed and constructed so as to be structurally safe, durable, smoketight and capable of withstanding the action of flue gases without softening, cracking, corroding, or spalling, and shall effectively convey the products of combustion to the outer air without creating a nuisance.
- b.) Masonry chimneys, except approved prefabricated chimneys, shall have noncombustible foundations.
- c.) Chimneys shall be provided with flue lining capable of withstanding the action of flue gas without softening, cracking, corroding or spalling at the temperature to which they will be subjected.
- d.) Openings for smokepipe or gasvent connections shall be provided with means for easy connection without restriction of the flue.
- e.) Flues shall not have smokepipe or gasvent connections in more than one story of a building.
- f.) Fuel burning equipment and fireplaces shall not be connected to the same flue.
- g.) Incinerator flues equipped with service openings shall not be used as flues for other fuel burning equipment.
- h.) Chimneys, flues, and gasvents or other devices installed on fuel burning equipment shall provide sufficient draft to develop the rated output of the connected equipment.
- i.) Chimneys, flues, and gasvents shall be located, designed and constructed so that under conditions of use, the temperature of any adjacent combustible materials shall not exceed its safe limit.

Section 12. Reinforced Concrete

- 12.1 General.** Reinforced concrete construction shall conform with the "Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete" designated as American Standard A89.1—1951 and approved July 25, 1951, by the American Standards Association.
- 12.2 Strength of Concrete.** The compressive strength of reinforced concrete made from average materials shall be assumed to be no greater than those shown in the following table:

Water Content in U.S. Gallons per 94 lb. Sack of Cement	Assumed Compressive Strength at 28 Days, Pounds per square inch
7— $\frac{1}{2}$	2000
6— $\frac{3}{4}$	2500
6	3000
5	3750

Structural concrete of at least 2000 lbs. per square inch shall be used.

- 12.3 **Reinforcing Steel.** Reinforcing steel shall be free from mill scale and loose rust and shall not be coated in such a manner as to weaken its bond to concrete.

Section 13. Structural Steel.

- 13.1 **General.** Structural steel construction shall conform with the requirements of the "Specification for the Design, Fabrication, and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings" designated as American Standard A57.1—1952 and approved by the American Standards Association.
- 13.2 **Supports.** Wherever necessary to distribute the load properly, suitable steel support plates shall be used.
- 13.3 **Fireproofing.** Fireproofing of structural steel structures, or members, shall be such as to provide two hours fire resistance as measured in the standard time temperature test.

Section 14. Wood Construction

14.1 General

- a.) Ordinary frame buildings shall be built with sills, posts, girts or ledger boards, girders, beams, floor joists, plates and rafters, all properly framed and braced.
- b.) Wood structural members shall be of sufficient size to carry the dead load and the minimum live load required to be provided for by Section 7.4.1 of this code without exceeding the allowable working stresses for the species of wood used.
- c.) The stresses used for any wood of a given species shall be the lowest stresses for that species, unless the wood is identified by the grade mark of, or certification of inspection issued by, an acceptable lumber grading or inspection agency.
- d.) When the structural strength of a building is impaired by cutting or by inherent defects, members shall be replaced or reinforced in a manner which will assure structural strength.
- e.) Splicing shall not be done between bearing points. Framing shall be provided for any unusual loading conditions.
- f.) The minimum allowable properties for certain typical species of wood shall be as follows:

Species	Graded Allowable Working Stress in Bending in pounds per square inch.	Modulus of Elasticity in pounds per square inch.
Group I: Douglas Fir, Coast Region or Dense Western Hemlock	1400	1,600,000
Group II: Canadian Spruce	1200	1,400,000
Group III: Eastern Hemlock	1000	1,200,000

The tables in this code for framing members are based on the above properties.

14.2 Sills. Sills shall be at least 4 x 6 inches, except that in the case of one story buildings not exceeding 500 square feet in floor area and having a stud height of not more than 8 feet, sills shall be at least 4 x 4 inches. Sills shall be anchored to masonry foundation walls with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch bolts spaced not more than 8 feet on centers, and imbedded in the masonry at least 4 inches.

14.3 Girders

a. Girders shall be of structural steel, solid wood or structurally suitable built-up wood. The distance between supports shall not exceed those listed in Table 14.3

TABLE 14.3

Maximum Distances between Supports for Wood Girders

For Group I Woods		
Size In Inches	Distance between Supports	
	1 Story	1½ or 2 Story
	Feet — Inches	Feet — Inches
6 x 8	8 — 0	7 — 0
6 x 10	9 — 0	8 — 0

For Group II Woods		
Size In Inches	Distance between Supports	
	1 Story	1½ or 2 Story
	Feet — Inches	Feet — Inches
6 x 8	7 — 6	6 — 6
6 x 10	8 — 6	7 — 6

For definition of Group I and II see Section 14.1.

The above distances are based on not exceeding the fiber stress for the wood used.

b. If the total of the spans of joists supported by the girder on both sides exceeds 28 feet 6 inches, or if loads are concentrated, the size and span shall be determined so as not to exceed the graded maximum allowable fiber stress pounds per square inch for the wood used.

- 14.4 **Columns.** Columns below grade shall be concrete filled steel pipe, lally-type and shall be fastened to girders with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick steel caps and attached to or imbedded in concrete with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch steel bases. Steel pipe concrete filled columns shall be at least $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and weigh at least 13 pounds per linear foot, of which the cross section shall include 1.27 square inches of steel and 8.35 square inches of concrete.

14.5 Floor Framing

- 14.5.1 **Floor Spans.** Clear spans for wood floor joists shall not exceed those set forth in Table 14.5 for the groups of wood listed. Floor spans shall be of such size so as not to exceed a maximum deflection of $1/360$ of the span. The maximum spacing for floor joists shall be 16 inches on centers. For species of woods not specifically included in Section 14.1, floor spans shall be selected from the tabulation of the group which has an equivalent modulus of elasticity.

TABLE 14.5

Maximum Clear Spans for Wood Floor Joists				
Nominal Size	Spacing	Group I	Group II	Group III
In Inches	In Inches	Ft.—Ins.	Ft.—Ins.	Ft.—Ins.
2 x 6	12	10—2	9—8	9—1
	16	9—3	8—10	8—4
2 x 8	12	13—6	12—10	12—1
	16	12—4	11—8	11—0
2 x 10	12	17—0	16—1	15—2
	16	15—6	14—9	13—11
2 x 12	12	20—5	19—5	18—4
	16	18—9	17—9	16—9

For definition of Group I, II and III see Section 14.1.

- 14.5.2 **Framing in Steel Girders.** At least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch clearance shall be left between the top of the floor joist or similar framing member and the underside of the top of the structural flange.
- 14.5.3 **Framing into Masonry.**
- The minimum joist bearing shall be 3 inches.
 - The ends of joists shall have 3 inch fire cuts or bevels.
 - Floor joists, except first floor joists, framed into masonry walls shall be anchored every fourth joist to masonry with metal straps attached near the bottom of the joists.
 - Floor joists, except first floor joists, parallel with masonry shall be tied to masonry with metal straps spaced not more than 8 feet on centers and secured to at least three joists.

- 14.5.4 **Framing over Girders and Bearing Partitions.** Ends of joists shall be lapped and spiked together or butted over center of bearing. When lapped, the minimum lap shall be 4 inches. When butted, they shall be tied with metal straps, or 1 inch thick wood ties at least 2 feet long. Joists shall be nailed to bearing or cross blocked between joists when bearing is other than wood.
- 14.5.5 **Double Joists.** Joists shall be doubled under all partitions when parallel to floor joists. Additional joists or supports as required by loading conditions shall be provided.
- 14.5.6 **Headers and Trimmers.**
- Headers receiving more than four tail beams or more than 4 feet 6 inches in length shall be doubled and supported by steel joist hangers.
 - Tail pieces more than 10 feet long shall have steel hangers.
- 14.5.7 **Cutting of Floor Joists.** The top of floor joists may be notched in the end third of the span only and then only for piping. The depth of such notches shall be not more than $1/5$ of the joist depth. Holes may be bored in joists for piping and wiring. Such holes shall not be more than 2 inches in diameter and shall not be closer than 2 inches from the top or bottom of the joist. In all other cases, headers shall be installed.
- 14.5.8 **Cross-bridging.** Floor joist framing shall include cross-bridging at a maximum spacing of 8 feet.
- 14.6 **Ceiling Framing.**
- 14.6.1 **Joists.** Clear spans of ceiling joists in installations with limited attic access and a maximum storage load of 20 pounds per square foot shall not exceed those tabulated in Table 14.6. The maximum spacing for ceiling joists shall be 16 inches on centers. For installations with full attic access, ceiling joists shall be of the same size as floor joists of equal spans.

TABLE 14.6

Maximum Clear Spans for Ceiling Joists

Nominal Size In Inches	Spacing In Inches	Group I Ft.—Ins.	Group II Ft.—Ins.	Group III Ft.—Ins.
2 x 6	12	11—3	10—6	10—1
	16	10—4	9—9	9—2
2 x 8	12	14—11	14—2	13—4
	16	13—8	13—0	12—2
2 x 10	12	18—8	17—9	16—9
	16	17—2	16—4	15—4
2 x 12	12	22—5	21—4	20—1
	16	20—8	19—7	18—6

The above table is based on a maximum deflection of $1/360$ of span. For definition of Group I, II and III see

Section 14.1.

- 14.6.2 Ceiling joists where used as ties for rafters shall be spiked to rafters every third rafter.

- 14.6.3 Ceiling joists over girders and bearing partitions shall be framed as required for floor joists.

14.7 Roof Framing.

14.7.1 Headers and Trimmers.

- a. Headers 4 feet or more in length shall be double.
- b. When a chimney is at a ridge or eaves and when the header is 4 feet or less in length, trimmers may be single. Double framing shall be installed under all other conditions.
- c. Double headers and rafters shall be installed at dormer windows which are not supported on partitions.

- 14.7.2 **Pitched Roof.** Rafter spans for pitched roofs with a slope at least 3 inches in 12 inches shall not exceed those as listed in Table 14.7. The spacing of rafters shall not exceed 20 inches on centers and rafters shall not be less than 2x6 nominal size. Rafters shall be cut for level bearing and be spiked to wall plates. Where practicable, rafters shall be framed opposite one another at the ridges.

TABLE 14.7

Maximum Clear Horizontal Spans for Roof Rafters				
Nominal Size	Spacing	Group I	Group II	Group III
In Inches	In Inches	Ft.—Ins.	Ft.—Ins.	Ft.—Ins.
2 x 6	12	13—6	12—8	11—5
	16	11—10	10—11	10—0
	20	10—8	9—10	9—0
2 x 8	12	18—2	16—10	15—4
	16	15—11	14—9	13—5
	20	14—4	13—3	12—1

The above table is based on not exceeding the allowable fiber stress. For definition of Group I, II, and III see Section 14.1.

14.7.3 Collar Ties

- a. Collar ties shall be provided at least every third rafter, and shall be at least 1x6 inch or 2x4 inch in size.
- b. When collar ties are above the lower third of the rafters and ties are not provided at the plate line, provision shall be made for tying the lower end of the rafters to the floor, ceiling or wall construction.

- 14.7.4 **Ridge Boards.** The depth of ridge boards shall not be less than the cut end of the rafters.

- 14.7.5 **Hip and Valley Rafters.** The minimum dimensions of hip and valley rafters shall be 2 inches thick and of a depth at least equal to the cut end of jack rafters. Hip and valley rafters shall be designed to carry the loads imposed.

- 14.7.6 **Saddles.** Crickets or chimney saddles shall be installed at the upper side of all chimneys not in contact with the ridge.

14.7.7 Flat Roofs.

- a. Roofs with a pitch of less than 3 inches in 12 inches shall be considered flat.
- b. Flat roofs supporting a ceiling shall be framed the same as floor framing.
- c. Anchoring of roof joists and framing over girders and bearing partitions shall be the same as required for floor joists.

14.8 Exterior Wall and Bearing Partition Framing.

- 14.8.1 Studs and Plates.** Studs for exterior walls and bearing partitions shall be at least 2x4 inches and be spaced not more than 16 inches on center. Studs shall be doubled around all openings. All plates shall consist of at least two 2 x 4's.
- 14.8.2 Corner Posts.** Corner posts shall be at least 4 x 6 inches, except that in the case of one story buildings not exceeding 500 square feet in floor area and where the stud height is not more than 8 feet, corner posts shall be at least 4 x 4 inches.
- 14.8.3 Girts.** Girts shall be at least 4 x 6 inches.
- 14.8.4 Ledger Boards.** Ledger boards, where used, shall be at least 1 x 6 inches full size and shall be notched their full thickness into the studding provided that the floor joists they support are not more than 15 feet in length and provided that the live load does not exceed 50 pounds per square foot on the floor so supported.
- 14.8.5 Corner Bracing.**
 - a. All external corners shall be braced with 2 x 4's.
 - b. Corner braces may be omitted when the wood sheathing boards are applied diagonally or when plywood sheathing in sheets is nailed with 6 penny nails, 6 inches on centers on all edges and 1 foot on centers at all intermediate bearings.
- 14.8.6 Window and Door Headers.** The size of window and door headers for usual loading conditions shall be at least equal to those listed for the maximum clear spans in Table 14.8.

TABLE 14.8

Maximum Clear Spans for Window and Door Headers

Arrangement and Size in Inches	Maximum Clear Spans	
	Group I Woods Feet—Inches	Group II Woods Feet—Inches
Two 2 x 4's on edge	3—6	3—0
" 2 x 6's " "	4—6	4—2
" 2 x 8's " "	6—2	5—9
" 2 x 10's " "	8—0	7—4

For definition of Group I and II Woods see Section 14.1.

The above spans are based on not exceeding the allowable fiber stress for the wood used.

- 14.9 **Non-Bearing Partition Framing.** Non-bearing partitions shall be provided with at least one 2 inch plate on top and one 2 inch sole on the bottom and of the same width as the studs.
- 14.10 **Exterior Wall Sheathing.** Exterior walls shall be completely sheathed and shall be of one of the following materials:
- Wood sheathing at least 1 inch (nominal) thick;
 - Plywood at least $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick;
 - Suitable fiberboard at least $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick.
- 14.11 **Plywood.** All plywood used for structural purposes shall be certified as to its quality by an independent testing laboratory.
- Where plywood is used for exterior wall or roof sheathing, it shall be at least $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick and shall be laid so that the grain of the outside plies run at right angles to the studs or rafters.
 - Where plywood is used as a sub-floor in a frame building, it shall be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick.
 - Where plywood is exposed to the weather or outside air it shall be of the exterior type.
- 14.12 **Clearances.** Wood framing members shall be not closer than 2 inches to chimney masonry. There shall be at least a 2 inch space filled with non-combustible insulating material between the wood framing and the chimney masonry at each floor and the attic. For chimneys and flues constructed of other than masonry material, clearances shall be sufficient to avoid danger of ignition of wood under continuous operation of heating devices at maximum possible temperatures.

Section 15. Fire Safety Requirements.

- 15.1 **Fire Protection of Openings.**
- 15.1.1 **Elevator Shafts.** Elevator shafts extending through more than 2 stories shall be enclosed in partitions built of brick or concrete at least 8 inches thick or of reinforced concrete at least 6 inches thick, or of any other materials which will withstand a two hour fire test as measured on the standard time temperature test.
- 15.1.2 **Hoists, Dumb Waiters, Chutes and Vent Shafts Extending Through More than 1 Story** shall be enclosed in partitions of brick or concrete at least 4 inches thick, or of solid cement plaster at least 2 inches thick. Small dumb waiters and chutes in dwellings serving not more than two stories and a basement may be of wood frame lined entirely with galvanized sheet iron not less than 24 gauge or asbestos board not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch thick, or any other non-combustible material of equal fire resistance. Chutes shall have self-closing fire resisting doors at each opening.
- 15.1.3 **Protection of Walls and Partition Openings.** Openings in a fire wall shall not exceed 80 square feet in area and the aggregate width of all openings shall not exceed 25

per cent of the length of the wall, provided, however, that in buildings equipped with automatic sprinklers, larger openings and a greater percentage of the wall length giving an equal protection against fire may be used. Openings in a fire wall shall be protected with an automatic fire door.

15.1.4 Suspended Ceilings in First and Second Class Construction. Metal lath and cement plaster ceilings shall be supported by hangers or clamps attached to the floor or roof construction. Such support shall be of a section and weight that will support the wet plaster without deflecting more than 1/30 of an inch per foot of span.

15.1.5 Holes. After floors are constructed, no openings greater than 2 square feet shall be cut through them unless suitable metal framing or reinforcing is provided around the opening. After pipes or conduits are in place, all openings around them shall be filled in solidly with fireproofing material unless close fitting individual sleeves are provided.

15.1.6 Basement. In all stores, office buildings, business blocks and public buildings, the entire basement or cellar shall be made smoke tight with metal lath and cement plaster not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch thick trowelled to a smooth surface.

15.2 Fire Walls—Construction.

15.2.1 Fire walls shall form a continuous fire and smoke barrier between fire areas from foundation through the roof, except as otherwise set forth in paragraph 15.2.2 of this section; and shall be constructed so that the removal or collapse on one side shall not endanger the support of construction on the opposite side.

15.2.2 Fire walls shall be constructed of non-combustible material and shall extend not less than 6 inches above roofs of combustible construction. When a roof is of non-combustible construction above the wall and for a distance of at least 18 inches on each side of the wall, a fire wall may terminate at the underside of the roof if the junction of the wall and roof is smoketight.

15.2.3 Fire walls in first class construction shall not be required in a cellar, basement or lowest story if the floor over such cellar, basement or lowest story is of first class construction, and the structural supports for the fire walls have fire-resistance ratings at least equal to those required for the fire wall.

15.2.4 When framing members of combustible material bear upon fire walls, such members shall be protected by at least 4 inches of solid non-combustible material.

15.3 Firestopping.

15.3.1 Partitions. Buildings of second and third class construction shall be thoroughly firestopped at each floor level,

including hollow partitions and furred masonry walls.

Where partitions rest directly over each other, if the studs run down between the floor joists and rest on the plate of the partition below, the studding shall be filled in solidly with non-combustible material to at least four inches above the top of the floor joists.

Firestopping may be omitted where plank and top board floor construction is at least three inches thick and completely shuts off the hollow spaces.

- 15.3.2 **Ducts.** Ducts, chases, or shafts for wires, cables or similar purposes shall be firestopped at each floor level.
- 15.3.3 **Stairs.** The space between stair carriages shall be firestopped in the middle portion of each run and at the first riser.
- 15.3.4 **Masonry Walls.** Where masonry walls are furred, the space between the inside face of the wall and the studding shall be firestopped on the under side of the wood beams above, or the beams directly over the furred space shall be protected with non-combustible material laid on boards cut in between the beams.
- 15.3.5 **Material.** Firestopping shall be done with brick and cement or other non-combustible material of equally low conductivity except as provided in Section 15.3.9.
- 15.3.6 **How installed.** Firestopping shall completely fill the hollow spaces to a depth of at least 4 inches and shall be securely supported.
- 15.3.7 **Chimneys.** The space around chimneys shall be firestopped at each floor level.
- 15.3.8 **Hot Water Boilers.** If domestic hot water heaters are located in closets, the walls and ceilings of such closets shall be plastered and the floor covered with at least two thicknesses of flooring.
- 15.3.9 **Wood Firestopping.** In platform construction or where floors are laid over girders or over bearing partitions in doorways, firestopping may be of wood provided, however, that such wood firestopping shall fit tightly so as to completely shut off the hollow spaces.
- 15.4 **Central House Heating Boilers and Furnaces.**
- 15.4.1 Oil and gas fired boilers and furnaces shall be located so that all parts are accessible for adjustment, operation and repair. The area in which every boiler or furnace is located shall be ventilated to provide sufficient air for combustion and the location of such heaters shall not constitute a fire hazard.
- 15.4.2 Heating units shall be located as near the chimney as practical.
- 15.4.3 Down draft diverters shall be installed in every flue pipe to which a heater is connected.

15.5 Incinerators.

- 15.5.1 Incinerators shall be located as near the chimney as practical and shall not be connected to a flue used for any other purpose. Wall type incinerators shall be installed in a non-combustible wall communicating directly with a chimney.
- 15.5.2 Incinerators having a closed or semi-closed base shall not be placed directly on combustible floors unless the Inspector finds that their construction is such that the danger of igniting the floor is negligible.

15.6 Garages.

- 15.6.1 Except where fire walls are provided, garages built beneath, against, or attached to a dwelling, or within 30 feet of another building, must be wire lathed and have a coating of plaster not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch thick.
- 15.6.2 In the case of garages attached to, or forming a part of a dwelling and garages connected to a dwelling by a breezeway or porch (whether open or closed), the door and jambs of the door leading from the garage to the dwelling, or to the breezeway or porch, shall be metal clad. The door shall also be equipped with an automatic self-closing device.

15.7 Heating Appliances and Chimneys.

- 15.7.1 **Hot Air Pipes** Hot air pipes in closets or between framing members less than 8 feet distance from a furnace and hot air pipes passing through combustible partitions shall be covered with plain asbestos paper 1/16 of an inch thick and weighing at least 30 pounds per 100 square feet, with joints lapped and securely wired to the pipe.
- 15.7.2 **Hot Air Registers.** Hot air register boxes placed in a floor or partition shall be set in a non-combustible border at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width, shall be made of tin plate properly fitted to the border, and shall be at all points at least 1 inch away from any woodwork. Each furnace installation shall include at least one hot air register without a damper.
- 15.7.3 **Steam Pipes.** Steam pipes and fittings which are not insulated shall be placed at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from all combustible material unless such combustible material is protected by a non-combustible shield, in which case the distance shall be not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Steam pipes passing through a combustible floor, ceiling or partition shall be surrounded by a securely fastened metal sleeve passing entirely through the floor, ceiling or partition. Such sleeves shall be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch larger in diameter than the pipe and shall have a metal collar at both ends.
- 15.7.4 **Pipes and Pipe Coverings.** Pipes and pipe coverings shall be of non-combustible materials. Ventilating flues and air ducts shall be constructed of or lined with non-combustible material.

- 15.7.5 Woodwork and Ceiling Around Heating Apparatus.** Furnaces and boilers shall be set upon a non-combustible floor, and shall not be placed under a public way. The tops of all furnaces and boilers shall be set at least 12 inches below the ceiling. Ceilings over furnaces shall be wire lathed and plastered for an area of 100 square feet.
- 15.7.6 Boilers Less than 15 Pounds Pressure.** Hot air furnaces, low pressure boilers and hot water heaters shall be placed at least 2 feet from any wood or combustible partition on the side and back, and at least 5 feet in front.
- 15.7.7 Boilers Over 15 Pounds Pressure.** Combustible partitions within 4 feet of the side or back or 6 feet of the front of boilers carrying a pressure of over 15 pounds shall be covered with non-combustible material to a height of at least 4 feet above the floor, and if at the side of the boiler, such covering shall extend to at least 5 feet in front of the boiler. Where beams are exposed, the covering shall follow the contour of the beams. Combustible material shall not be used within 2 feet of the side and back or 5 feet from the front of the boiler. Metal shields shall be so attached as to leave at least a 1 inch space between the partition and shield.
- 15.7.8 Stoves and Ranges.**
- a.) The back of oil, coal or wood burning stoves or ranges shall not be placed closer than 8 inches to a wall and shall be shielded with metal or with wire lath and plaster from a height of at least 6 inches above the floor to a height of at least 6 inches above the stove or range. If the side of the range is within 6 inches of a wall or partition, it shall be similarly shielded. Oil, coal or wood burning stoves or ranges on wood or combustible floors and beams, if not supported on legs, shall be set on suitable non-combustible hearths at least 3 inches high.
 - b.) Lath and plaster or wood ceilings over restaurant type ranges shall be guarded by metal hoods placed at least 9 inches below the ceiling. Ventilating pipes connected with hoods over a range shall not pass through a floor. Any such pipes less than 9 inches from wood lath and plaster or woodwork shall be covered with at least 1 inch of asbestos plaster on wire mesh.
 - c.) Laundry stoves on wood or combustible floors shall be so set as to leave an air space of at least 3 inches between the stove and the floor, and the floor shall either be protected by sheet metal extending at least 12 inches beyond the stove on all sides, or shall have a course of bricks, laid in mortar on metal, under and extending 12 inches on all sides.
 - d.) Ventilating fans or hoods shall not be connected with a flue used for any other purpose.

15.7.9 Location of Smoke Pipes.

a.) Smoke pipes shall be at least 12 inches below wooden floor beams or wood lath and plaster. However, if such floor beams are protected by metal lath and plaster or an approved metal shield, such distance shall be not less than 6 inches.

b.) Smoke pipes passing through a partition of other than masonry shall be guarded by at least 4 inches of masonry, metal or other approved material, or with a double metal collar extending through the partition. Smoke pipes shall not pass through closets or similar enclosed places.

c.) Smoke pipes shall not project through exterior walls or windows or pass through floors.

15.7.10 Boiler Rooms. Boilers and furnaces in buildings other than dwellings, shall be in a room used for no other purpose. Such rooms shall have a masonry floor, walls and ceilings of masonry or metal lath and cement plaster at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch thick. Doors shall be at least $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches thick, metal clad, hung in a metal or metal clad frame and have a metal or masonry threshold. Doors shall include an opening glazed with wire glass. Boiler rooms shall be provided with ventilating louvers.

15.7.11 Ash Receptacles. Permanent receptacles for ashes shall have masonry floor and walls, a metal or masonry ceiling, and metal clad doors and frames.

15.7.12 Imitation Fireplaces. Imitation fireplaces intended for use with electricity or gas and not having a flue shall be constructed throughout, including the hearth, of fireproof material at least 2 inches thick, and if for gas shall have a ventilating pipe of cast iron not less than 4 inches inside diameter covered with at least 2 thicknesses of asbestos paper.

15.8 Roof coverings. Roofs shall be made of or covered with approved fire resistant material, except that on application the Inspector may issue a permit for the use of other types of covering.

15.9 Plastering. No part of the frame or furring of a building or structure under construction shall be covered with lath or otherwise closed to inspection until the Inspector has been notified that the building or structure is ready for inspection and has given his consent to such covering or closing by endorsement on the building permit. The Inspector shall act promptly on receipt of such notice and shall give such consent only after inspection shows that the framing, piping, wiring and required fire stopping have been properly done.

15.10 Special Requirements.

15.10.1 Store floors shall have one or more clear openings covered with $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch thick plate glass approximately 10 x 10 inches installed in the floor over the basement. Such

openings shall be centrally located in the floor in a position which will not be covered by counters or other fixtures and in locations approved by the Inspector.

15.10.2 Mercantile buildings shall have skylights or vents in the roof to permit gases and smoke to escape.

15.10.3 Stores shall have fire resistant enclosures to store rubbish.

Section 16. Special Requirements.

16.1 Habitable Space.

16.1.1 **General.** Each space for human habitation shall be so located in respect to grade level, and so lighted and ventilated, as to provide healthful environment.

16.1.2 **Light to be Provided.** Natural light shall be provided in space for human habitation through one or more windows, skylights, transparent or translucent panels, or any combination thereof, that face directly on space above the adjoining finished grade, or are above a roof.

16.1.3 **Ventilation.** Habitable space shall be provided with ventilation in accordance with either of the following:

a). Natural ventilation through openable parts of windows or other openings in exterior walls that face spaces above the adjoining finished grade or above a roof, or through openable parts of skylights; or

b). Mechanical ventilation providing at least two air changes per hour either of outdoor air, or a mixture of outdoor and recirculated air, in such proportion that a minimum of one air change per hour shall be outdoor air.

16.1.4 **Location in Respect to Grade Level.** The floor level of habitable space shall be not more than 4 feet below the average adjoining finished grade. Play or recreation rooms may be located below grade.

16.2 Kitchens and Kitchenettes.

16.2.1 **General.** Kitchens and kitchenettes shall have adequate light and ventilation for the maintenance of sanitary conditions, the safe and sanitary preparation of food, the safe use and proper operation of appliances and equipment therein, and for removal of accumulated heat, moisture, and odors.

16.2.2 **Light to be Provided.**

a). Kitchens shall be provided with natural light as set forth in Section 16.1.2.

b). Kitchenettes shall be provided with natural or artificial light or both, of sufficient intensity and so distributed as to permit the safe use of the space, appliances, and equipment therein.

16.2.3 **Ventilation.**

a). Kitchens shall be ventilated by mechanical or other means which shall exhaust not less than 100 cubic feet of air per minute and replace such exhausted air by an equal amount of outdoor air or its equivalent. When performance of ventilating equipment is affected by atmospheric conditions and the room air temperature, the

equipment shall deliver a minimum of 100 cubic feet of air per minute at least 90 per cent of the time.

b). Kitchenettes shall be ventilated by openable areas of not less than 3 square feet facing open spaces, or by mechanical or other means as set forth in the above paragraph of this section.

16.3 **Bathrooms and Toilet Rooms.**

16.3.1 **General.** Bathrooms and toilet rooms shall have provisions for privacy. Ventilation shall be sufficient to remove odors and excessive vapor.

16.3.2 **Light to be Provided.** Light shall be either natural or artificial or both, so distributed and of sufficient intensity to permit the maintenance of sanitary conditions of the room and of the plumbing fixtures.

16.3.3 Ventilation shall be provided for bathrooms either by openable areas, the total of which shall be not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ square feet, facing open spaces, or by other means, such as mechanical ventilation or ducts with gravity circulation, exhausting at least 20 cubic feet of air per minute, and replacing the same by an equal amount of outdoor air or its equivalent.

16.4 **Attics, Crawl Spaces, Flat Roofs.** Ventilation shall be provided in unheated attics, spaces below flat roofs, and crawl spaces. Location and net areas of ventilation openings shall be such as to minimize deterioration of the structural members from condensation or other causes.

16.5 **Stairs.**

16.5.1 **General.** Stairs, both interior and exterior, shall be arranged and constructed to provide safe ascent and descent. A fixed stair shall be provided where travel is required between two stories, each of which contains a habitable space or a recreation room, and between the first story and basement or cellar. Disappearing or folding stairs may be used between two stories above grade where only one of them contains a habitable space or a recreation room.

16.5.2 **Treads.**

a.) Except in the case of stairs intended for occasional use only, the minimum width of treads shall be $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, plus nosing at least 1 inch wide, or $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches where without nosing.

b.) Winder tread widths at a distance of 18 inches from the converging ends shall be not less than the tread widths as set forth in paragraph a). of this section.

c.) Treads shall be level and all other than winder treads shall be uniform in width, with no variation exceeding $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in any one run of stairs.

16.5.3 **Risers.**

a.) The maximum height of risers shall be $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, except in the case of stairs intended for occasional use only.

b.) Risers shall not vary more than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in any one run of stairs.

16.5.4 **Width.** The width of stairs connecting habitable spaces shall be at least 2 feet 8 inches clear between handrails or between handrails and the opposite wall. However, attic and basement stairs may be 2 feet 4 inches clear.

16.5.5 **Headroom.** Headroom over stairs connecting habitable spaces shall be at least 6 feet 6 inches measured vertically from the top of the tread at the intersection of the front of the tread and the face of the riser.

16.5.6 **Handrails and Railings.**

a.) Stairs of more than three risers shall have a handrail parallel to the slope on at least one side. Where one or both sides of such stairs are open, handrails shall be provided on the open sides.

b.) Stair well openings shall be guarded by handrails or other equivalent protection. Top surfaces of handrails shall be not less than 30 inches nor more than 36 inches in height above the floor or tread level. On stair runs, the height shall be measured from the top of the riser face.

c.) Clearance between handrails and supporting walls shall be at least 1 inch.

d.) During construction, stairwells and other openings shall be protected by a temporary railing.

16.6 **Exits.**

16.6.1 **General.** In addition to a primary exit from a dwelling, there shall be provided a secondary exit.

16.6.2 **Openings for Emergency Use in Dwellings Not More than Three Stories in Height.** At least one opening or secondary exit shall be provided at each floor level containing a habitable space or recreation room. Such openings shall include doors, openable parts of windows, or openable panels, located so as to provide ready means of egress. Such openings shall have a minimum area of 2½ square feet, with a minimum dimension of 16 inches, with bottom of openings no higher than 3 feet above finished floor in all above-grade stories, and no higher than 4 feet 6 inches where required in basement and cellar.

16.6.3 **Exits for Dwellings More than Three Stories in Height.** Every building exceeding three stories in height shall have exits from every story which shall provide safe, continuous passage to an open space and which shall comply with one of the following requirements:

a). One interior stairway enclosed in a fire separation as required by Section 15. All openings in such enclosures shall be provided with a self-closing opening protected as required by Section 15.

b). Two interior stairways with all doors opening upon such stairways equipped with a self-closing device.

c). One interior stairway with all doors opening upon

such stairway equipped with a self-closing device, and one exterior stairway or fire escape providing exit from each dwelling unit on any story.

- 16.6.4 **Width of Interior Exit Stairs.** All interior exit stairways in dwellings more than three stories in height shall be at least 3 feet wide.
- 16.7 **Leaders.** Structures other than residential shall be provided with down spouts which will prevent any water, snow or ice from being discharged onto any sidewalk or public way.
- 16.8 **Skylights.** Skylights placed in public buildings shall have sashes and frames of metal. Skylights shall be glazed with wired glass or plastic.

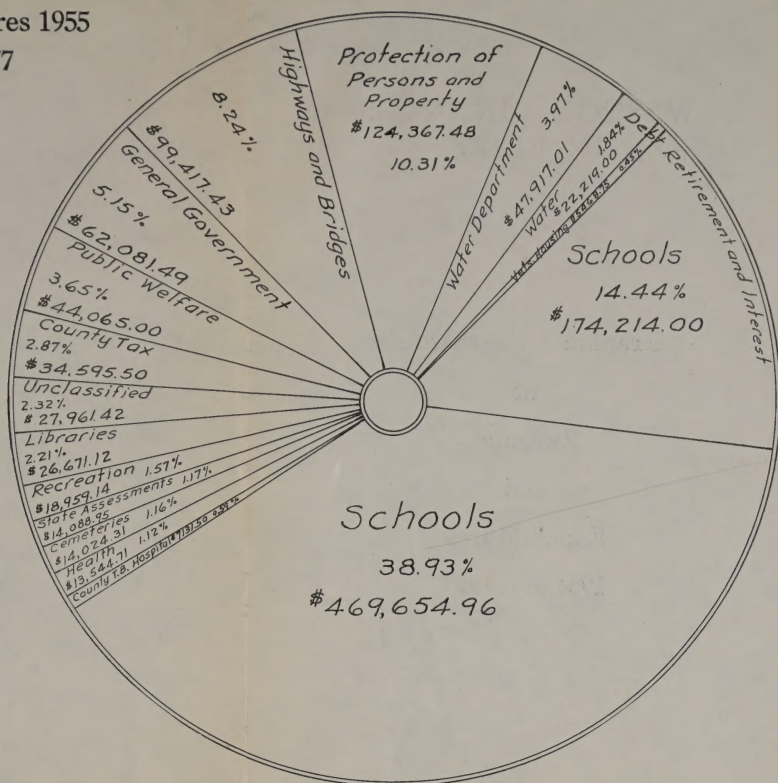
Section 17. Electrical Wiring and Equipment.

Electrical wiring and equipment shall conform with the applicable state laws.

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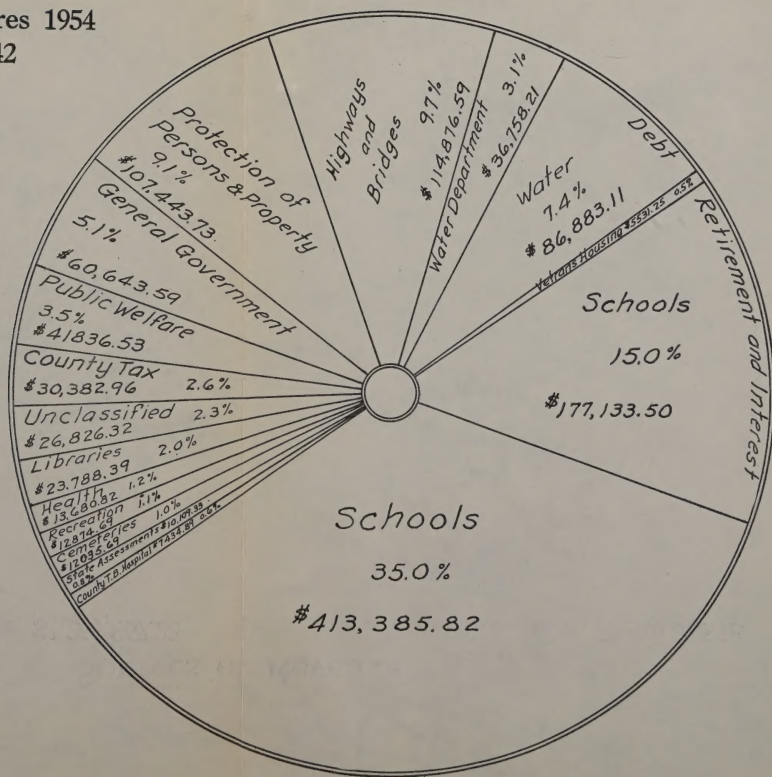
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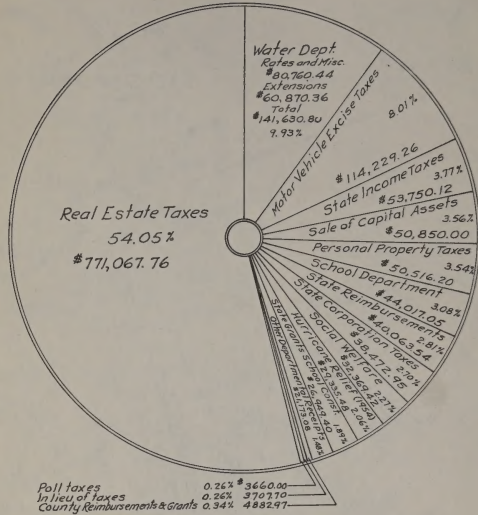
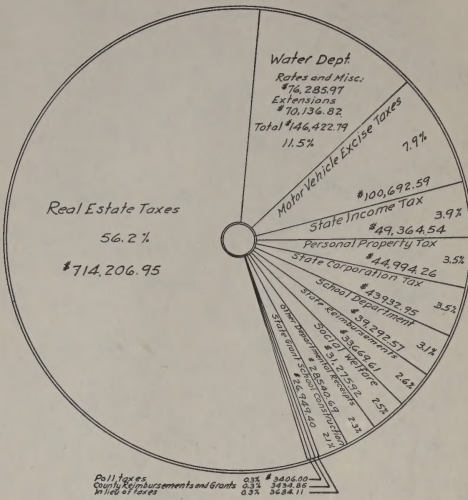
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IN BRIEF



Police



Speed



Dog



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